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REIKO the ZOMBIE SHOP

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THE STORY SO FAR:

REIKO THE ZOMBIE SHOP WAS DECAPITATED—AND SUPPOSEDLY KILLED—BY THE SHIRAIKE SERIAL SLASHER SAKI YURIKAWA. HOWEVER, EVEN IN THE UNLIFE REIKO IS ABLE TO SENSE THE NEFARIOUS PLOTS ABOUT TO BE HATCHED BY HER TWIN SISTER, RIRUKA, WHO AIMS FOR NOTHING SHORT OF WORLD DOMINATION. REIKO RETURNS FROM THE DEAD TO STOP HER EVIL TWIN SISTER, AND EVENTUALLY GETS HER IN KRISTEL CORPSE. REIKO THOUGHT IT WAS ALL OVER, BUT NOT QUITE. REIKO ONCE AGAIN SENSES THAT HER SISTER IS UP TO NO GOOD, AND ENROLLS UNDER COVER AS A TRANSFER STUDENT TO CROSS SWORDS. DURING A STAND-OFF, THE TWO FIRST ENCOUNTER THE "SOUL COLLECTOR" WHO TAKES THE EMPOWERED MARK OF THE NECROMANCER—THE SCARRED PALM—AND THEIR ZOMBIE-SUMMONING POWERS WITH HIM. RIRUKA EVENTUALLY ESCAPES, BUT HER SO-CALLED FOLLOWER, SHIRONO, FIRES A SPECIALLY CRAFTED BULLET—A "SHELL OF FATE"—INTO RIRUKA'S SKULL. THIS MEANS THAT RIRUKA IS NOW A SLAVE TO SHIRONO'S WILL . . . OR DOES IT?

CHARACTER INTRODUCTION

RIRUKA HIMEZONO

REIKO'S OLDER TWIN SISTER. WAS STOPPED ONCE BY REIKO, BUT HER UNSLAKABLE THIRST FOR WORLD CONQUEST BROUGHT HER BACK...

SAKI YURIKAWA

KNOWN AS THE "SHIRAIKE SERIAL SLAYER," THE BUTCHERER OF TWENTY-NINE YOUNG GIRLS IN THE TOWN OF SHIRAIKE. SHE LOST IN A BRUTAL MELEE WITH REIKO, WAS ZOMBIFIED BY AND SERVED AS REIKO'S FAITHFUL ZOMBIE SERVANT, OR, AT LEAST, THAT WAS THE CASE...

REIKO HIMEZONO

AGE: 17. A ZOMBIE SHOP, SHE MAKES HER MONEY BY RAISING THE DEAD AND LETTING THEM SPEAK THEIR FINAL TRUTHS. TRYING TO THWART RIRUKA'S AMBITION OF WORLD DOMINATION, SHE ONCE AGAIN ENGAGES IN BATTLE WITH HER, AND LOSES HER STAR—AND NECROMANTIC POWERS—TO THE "STAR COLLECTOR."

SHIROKO ZEROMOTO

RIRUKA'S FOLLOWER. HER BROTHER, HAKUEI, WAS ALSO A FOLLOWER OF RIRUKA, BUT INCURRED HER WRATH AND WAS MURDERED BY RIRUKA IN ANGER.

STAR COLLECTOR

AKA (AND HENCEFORTH) "S.C." "COLLECTS" THE MARK OF THE SUMMONER—THE STAR—AND CURRENTLY POSSESSES THE SUMMONING STAR AND POWER OF BOTH REIKO AND RIRUKA.

ALL REIKO'S CLASSMATES, THEY ALSO BEAR THE MARK OF THE SUMMONER—THE STAR.

GOHJIN IWATA

CHIKURO UESUGI

RAFAEL SIMPSTEIN

ACT 27

I DID IT!! BULL'S-EYE!!

WITH A "SHELL OF FATE"!!

FLOP

AHA ♥ AHAHA HAHA... ♥

FWOOM FWOOM FWOOM

RIGHT IN RIRUKA'S NOGGIN!!

THE "SHELLS OF FATE"... THOSE SHOT WITH THEM ARE TO BECOME FAITHFUL, UNQUESTIONING FOLLOWERS OF THOSE WHO SHOT THEM!!

THE FIRST PERSON THEY SEE RIGHT AFTER THEY'RE SHOT BECOMES THEIR "MASTER"!!

I WAS THE FIRST PERSON THAT RIRUKA LOOKED AT WHEN SHE WAS SHOT!!

AND AT THAT!!

IT'S LIKE...

IT'S LIKE A NEWBORN ANIMAL -- THEY THINK THAT THE FIRST THING THEY SEE WHEN THEY'RE BORN IS THEIR MOTHER!!

WOW!!

RISE, MY UNDER--LING!!

CHIRCCHU

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KU-HEHE-HE...

KUHU...

GOKO ゴロ GOKO ゴロ

ARISE, MY LOYAL FOLLOWER -- MY NUMBER ONE!!

THIS IS WONDERFUL -- WONDERFUL!!

ARISE!!

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THWUMP

FIRST THINGS FIRST!!

I WANT TO SEE A SYMBOL OF YOUR FAITHFULNESS TO ME!!

I WANT YOU TO LICK THEM CLEAN!!

MY BOOTS...

LICK THEM...

TAKE YOUR TONGUE AND LICK THEM CLEAN -- I DON'T WANNA SEE ONE SPECK OF DUST LEFT ON 'EM!!

7"

1"

AHAHAHAHA!! THERE WE GO!!

COME ON, NOW!!

YOU'VE GOT SOME GUTS, SHIROKO.

THWACK

GYAAAAAAAAAAA!!

A— A MIRROR?!

NO -- THAT'S IMPOSSI BLE!!

!!

SHIROKO -- YOUR TIMING WAS A LITTLE OFF WHEN YOU SHOT ME.

OF ALL TIMES, YOU CHOSE TO SHOOT ME WHEN I WAS PUTTING ON MY MAKEUP...

AND YOU SHOT ME WHEN I WAS LOOKING IN MY MIRROR, SO --

THE MOMENT YOU FIRED, IT WASN'T YOU I WAS LOOKING AT --

--MY DEAR SHIROKO.

IT WAS ME!!

THWOOOM

HEEE-EELP!!

SOMEBODY, PLEASE!!

WOOOO!!

FLOAT

SHIROKO ZEROMOTO: DECEASED

AGH

SO IT LOOKS LIKE IT'LL TAKE A LITTLE MORE THAN A MACHINE GUN.

THAT'S A VERY [redacted] SPECIMEN YOU HAVE FOR A BODY THERE, [redacted] HIMEZONO.

SORRY, BUT I MUST NOW RESTRAIN YOU AND TAKE YOU WITH ME.

MY DEEPEST APOLOGIES, BUT YOU REALLY DON'T HAVE A CHOICE.

AND CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT WILL PROVE INDISPENSABLE FOR RESEARCH PURPOSES.

I AM PART OF A BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS RESEARCH TEAM, WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY SUPERVISED BY THE GOVERNMENT -- BUT I DOUBT THIS'D MEAN MUCH TO YOU. SO, ANYWAY --

CODENAME'S YUKINA!!

WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?!

HUH? WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT?!

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

THUD

WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING YOU FOR QUITE SOME TIME, NOW.

IT WAS TOO DANGEROUS TO LET A BUNCH OF KIDS RUN AROUND WITH THOSE IN THEIR POSSESSION.

OUR MISSION WAS TO OBTAIN SOMETHING CALLED THE "SHELLS OF FATE," OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, AND MAKE SURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD THEM UNDER THEIR CONTROL.

!!

AS SOON AS YOU FIND THEM, MAKE A NOTE OF HOW MANY YOU FIND AND STOW THEM IMMEDIATELY!

THE "SHELLS OF FATE" ARE IN HERE SOMEWHERE!!

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TALK ABOUT TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE!! TAKING THIS GUY OUT WAS THE OTHER PART OF THE MISSION.

HEY! THIS GUY IS RIRUKA'S MINION — HAKUEI, RIGHT?

UH... UH...

SO, THIS IS WHERE THEY WERE MAKING AND STORING THEM..

NOO OOO OOO OO!!

AHHH HAGG HHH!!

HAHA!! HEY, LOOK AT THIS GUY!!

LOOKS LIKE ONE OF THOSE STUNTMEN YOU SEE IN MOVIES!!

ROOOOOOOOLLLLLLLLFFFF

THIS LITTLE SHIT MAKES SOME PRETTY AMAZING STUFF, FOR A LIL SHITFACE.

BUT YOU SHOULD BE HAPPY, RIRUKA ~ WE'RE GONNA TREAT YOU SPECIAL!

WE HAVE FACILITIES ARRANGED FOR YOU, WHERE YOU'LL BE TREATED WITH CARE.

OUR ORDERS WERE TO OBTAIN SAMPLES OF THE "SHELLS OF FATE" AND THEN COMPLETELY OBLITERATE EVERTHING ELSE ~ EVERYTHING.

WE MUST DISPOSE OF ALL WHO KNOW ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE, AND THEN COMPLETELY TORCH THE PREMISES.

WE JUST HAVE TO ARRANGE A MALE FOR YOU TO MATE WITH, AND EVERYTHING'S SET!! WHATTA YA THINK?! *HAHAHAHA!!*

YOU'LL GET THREE HOT MEALS A DAY, AND THEY'LL EVEN LET YOU RUN AROUND FOR EXERCISE.

YOU'RE LOOKIN' A LITTLE HOT THERE, RIRUKA!!

PREPARE TO DIE, SOLDIER BITCH!!

THWUK

SHPOOOOOM

CRYO-ROUND!!

THWOMP-K

YOU KNOW WHAT "FREEZE" MEANS, RIRUKA?

KER-RINK

IT MEANS "DON'T MOVE," BUT IN YOUR CASE..

.. WE'LL USE THE PRIMARY DEFINITION. *HEH-HEH.*

GOOD JOB.

RIRUKA HAS BEEN FROZEN. CALL THE CHOPPER AND LET'S GET HER OUT OF HERE.

CAPTAIN YUKINA!! ALL OBJECTIVES COMPLETE!!

ADDITIONALLY, CAPTAIN YUKINA, I HAVE ADJUSTED THE THERMOSTAT IN HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT HER CRYOGENIC STATE LASTS AS LONG AS POSSIBLE.

I HAVE WRAPPED HER IN INSULATION TO MAKE SURE SHE DOESN'T THAW OUT.

AND THEY SAY, "TO A WOMAN, THE CHILL IS LIKE POISON."

UH. NO. . WHAT I MEAN IS, YOU'RE A WOMAN.

BUT I DON'T THINK THAT WE REALLY NEED TO HAVE IT THIS COLD IN HERE.

YOU COLD?

I'M NO SISSY.

I HAVE PRIDE, JUST AS ANY SOLDIER DOES. REMEMBER THAT, OR—

—I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU.

!!

WHIP

SHE'S PUCKING PISSED. .

I—I APOLOGIZE.

ALL RIGHT, REIKO, BRING IT ON!!

S.C. HAS TAKEN YOUR STAR, AND ALL OF YOUR POWER AS A SUMMONER, SO--

YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO DEFEND YOURSELF WITHOUT IT.

YOU NEED TO KNOW FOR YOURSELF HOW TOUGH YOU ARE..

SO BRING IT ON AND LEARN SOMETHING.

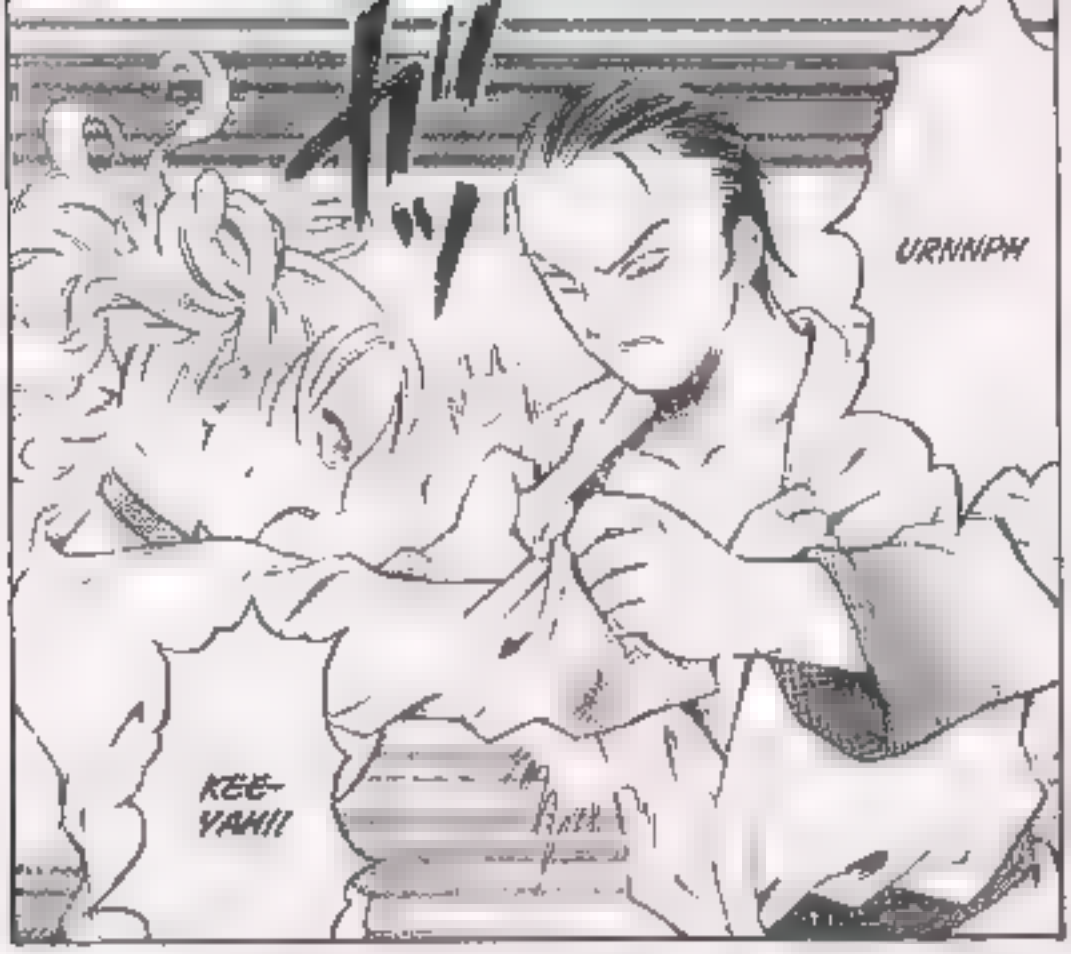
心技体

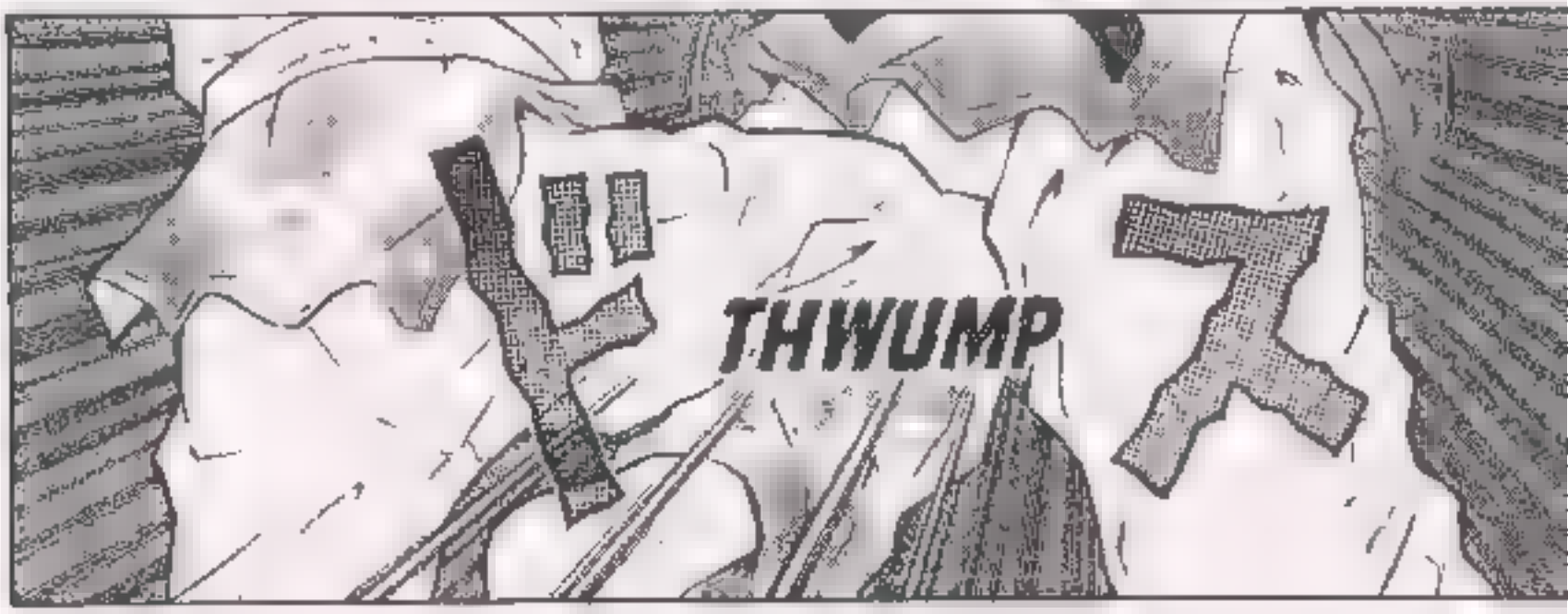
ALTHOUGH IT'LL NEVER HAPPEN--

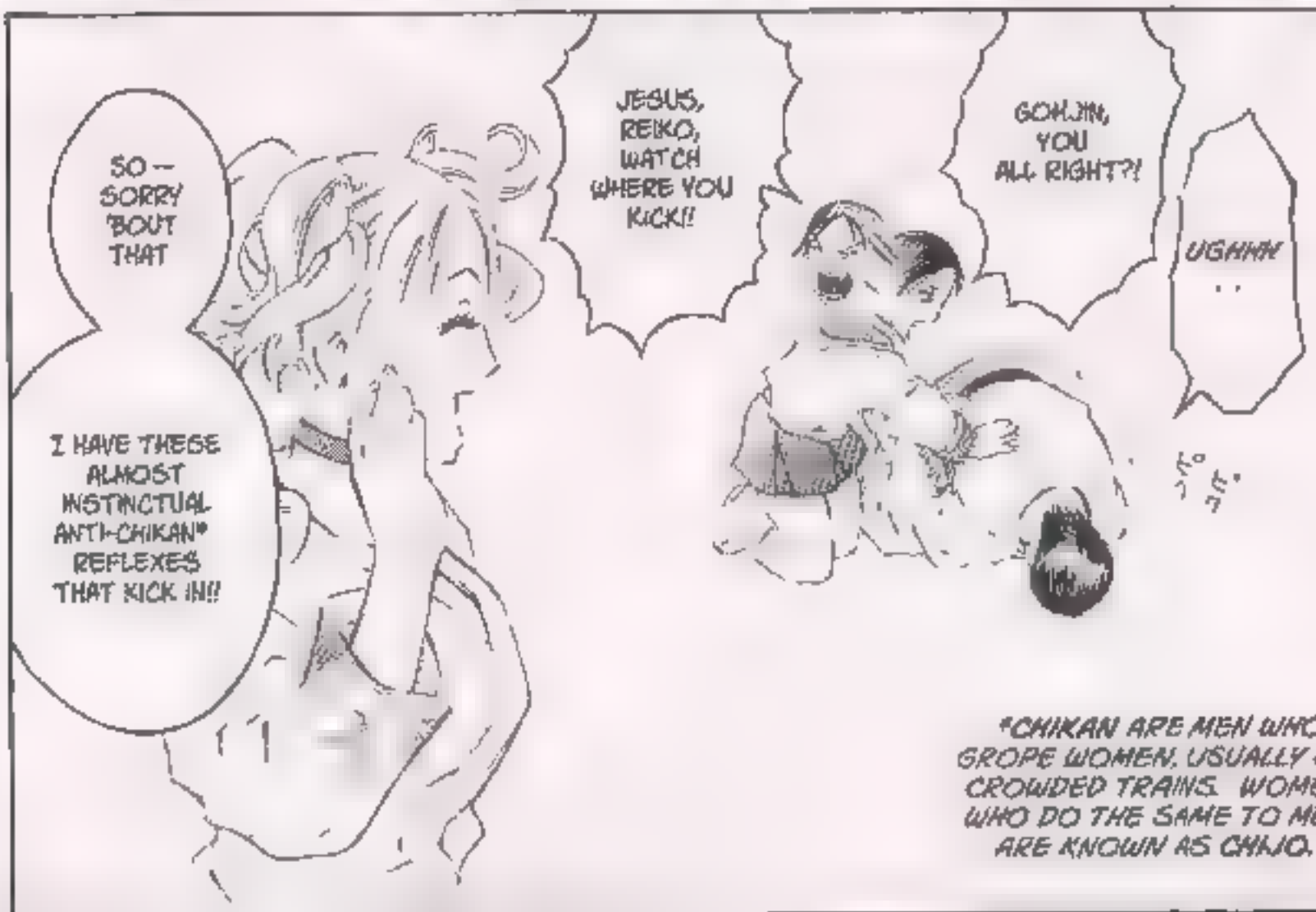
--REST ASSURED THAT IF YOU CAN TAKE ME DOWN, YOU CAN TAKE DOWN ANYONE.

THAT MUCH, I CAN GUARANTEE.

RIGHT, SO I GOTTA "BRING IT ON." I GOT IT.






SO — SORRY 'BOUT THAT
I HAVE THESE ALMOST INSTINCTUAL ANTI-CHIKAN* REFLEXES THAT KICK IN!!
JESUS, REIKO, WATCH WHERE YOU KICK!!
GOHJIN, YOU ALL RIGHT?!
UGHHH . .

*CHIKAN ARE MEN WHO GROPE WOMEN, USUALLY ON CROWDED TRAINS. WOMEN WHO DO THE SAME TO MEN ARE KNOWN AS CHIJO.

GET GOING, GUYS!! TIME TO GO HOME!!

I AM LOCKING THE SCHOOL GATES UP AT EIGHT.

HEY THERE!! YOU GUYS ARE STILL HERE?!

DAMN, REIKO..

I BET HE'S CONSTIPATED.

RAFAEL HASN'T COME BACK FROM THE BATHROOM YET!

IT'S BEEN OVER TWENTY MINUTES.

YES, SENSEI

HEY! REIKO! COME'ERE!

HE'S PROLLY HAVING TROUBLE "GIVING BIRTH." WE SHOULD CALL HIM TURD-TRAPPER FROM NOW ON.

HE'S STILL "GONE"?

WHAT IF

S...
STAR COLLECTOR?

YOU WAITED FOR ME TO BE ALONE --

AND CAME TO GET MY STAR, DIDN'T YOU!!

RELAX. THAT'S NOT WHY I AM HERE...

RAFAEL, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.

OUT OF THE FOUR OF YOU, YOU SEEMED LIKE YOU'D BE THE MOST LIKELY TO LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY

LIKE I SAID, I'M NOT HERE TO FIGHT.

DON'T BE SCARED, RAFAEL.

IF YOU WANNA TALK, WE CAN DO IT LATER!!

GET THE FUCK OUTTA HERE!!

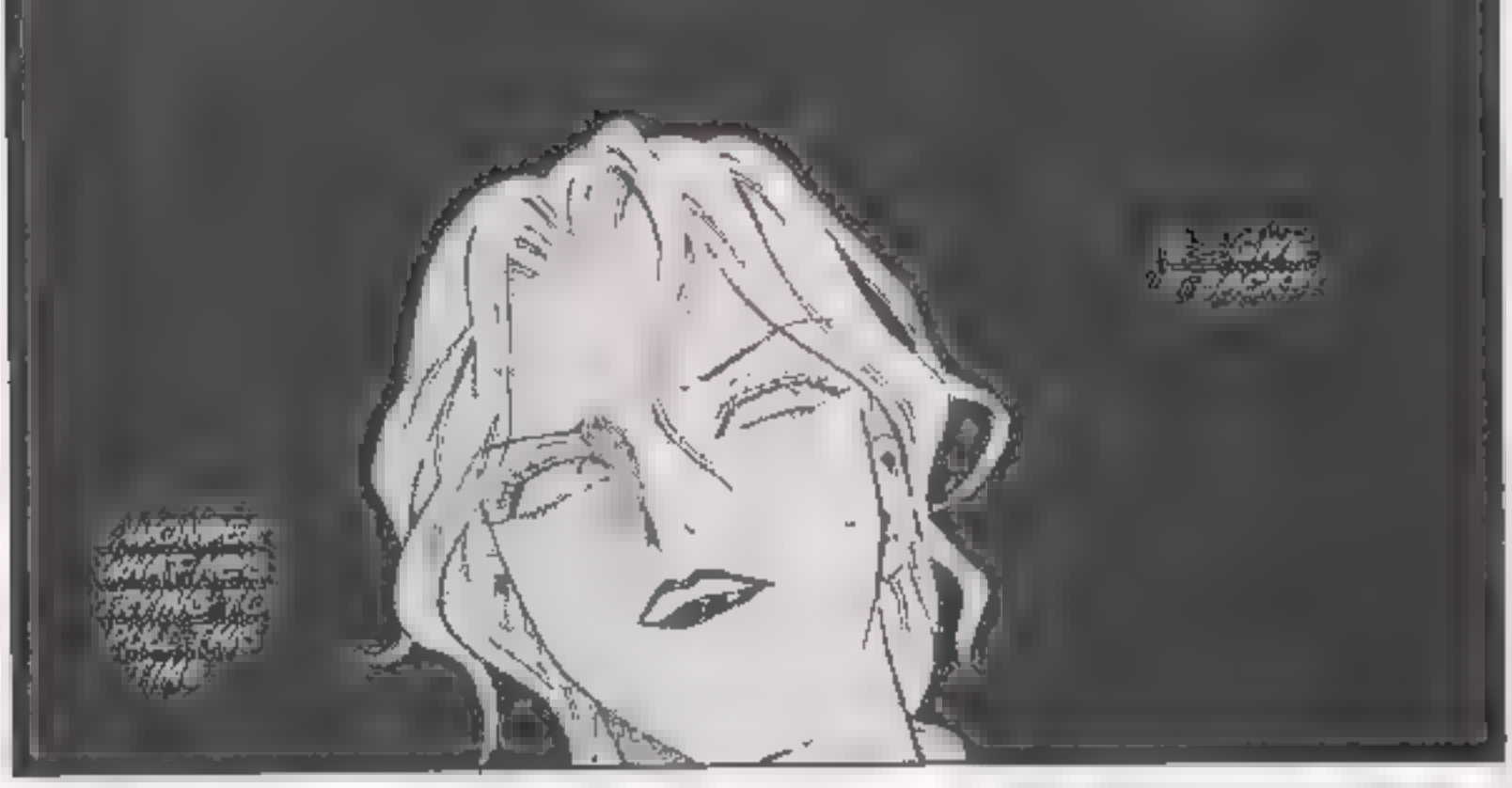
YOU WANNA MEET WITH HER?

I NEED YOUR HELP -- SO I CAN GET SOME FACE TIME WITH REIKO. A SORT OF "GO-BETWEEN" FOR ME.

IF YOU HELP, I CAN ACTUALLY TALK TO HER WITHOUT HER FLIPPING OUT ON ME BEFORE I CAN GET A WORD OUT.

I'M GONNA GIVE HER HER STAR BACK.

WH - WHAT?



LISTEN, I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING.
THAT RIRUKA HIMEZONO IS ONE BAD BITCH, AND NOT SOMEONE TO BE FUCKED WITH.
AND AT THIS RATE, SHE'LL BUTCHER THE BOTH OF US.

BUT IF REIKO AND I CAN JUST JOIN FORCES— EVEN FOR A LITTLE WHILE. .
THEN WE MIGHT EVEN STAND A CHANCE.
AND THE ONLY THING I CAN DO AT THIS POINT IS RETURN REIKO'S STAR TO HER.

...

OKAY-- I'LL DO IT

AND SHE'LL SLAP ME IN THE FACE.

THEN I WILL GO AND TALK TO HER MYSELF.

AND WHAT IF I SAY NO?

RIGHT ON!

I'LL BE OUT IN THE HALL, RAFAEL.

BUT FIRST, GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE, OKAY?

THWAM

DIE, STAR COLLEC-TOR !!

WHACK

CRACK

W - WAIT

REIKO.. PLEASE...

LISTEN TO ME, PLE -

AAAG-GHHH!!

SLAM

OH GOD --

PLEASE SAVE ME -- CAPTAIN YUKINA

I DON'T WANNA DIE -- >CLORPH<

I HAVE THREE -- >COFF<

THREE KIDS AT HOME --

PLEASE . .

...

. . !!

WHAT THE FUCK IS GOING ON HERE?!

CAPTAIN YUKINA! ORDERS, PLEASE!!

ZUUUOH

KRIK

KRIK-KRAK

KER-CHAK

I-- I'M GONNA NAIL HER WITH ANOTHER CRYO-ROUND!!

FREEZE

WELL -- WELL WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO, THEN?!

NO!

IF YOU FIRE ONE OF THOSE IN A CONFINED PLACE LIKE THIS, IT'LL NOT ONLY FREEZE HER BUT US AS WELL!!

?!

GASHA

AC KNOWL EDGED!

PILOT-- OPEN THE REAR LOADING DOOR!!

NOW!!

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WAAGGH!

NOOO OOO!!!

!!

NOOOOOOO!!

HEEE-YAHHHH!!

KER-THUD

KER-THUD

HMPH!!

NOOOOO!

ON SIGN: ONLY 12 MORE DAYS UNTIL THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL!!

WE HAVE TO BLOCKADE THAT WHOLE SCHOOL AND MAKE SURE THAT RIRUKA DOESN'T ESCAPE— AND THAT WE GET HER.

WELL, THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO BUT ORDER AN EMERGENCY EVACUATION -- JUST IN CASE.

CAPTAIN YUKINA, IT APPEARS AS THOUGH THEY HAVE FALLEN INTO A SCHOOLYARD!!

CALL HEADQUARTERS AND GET SOME BACKUP.

THIS COULD GET BAD, CAPTAIN!!

AND ANYONE THERE WOULD DIE ANYWAY.

IF WE WERE TO RUN INTO RIRUKA AND THERE WERE CIVS THERE—

I KNOW IT'S EVENING, BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT THERE AREN'T ANY PEOPLE STILL WORKING OR KIDS THERE!!

WHAT -- WHAT IF THERE ARE CIVILIANS STILL ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS?!

--THAT MEANS THAT WHAT HAPPENS THERE IS A MILITARY TOP SECRET.

IF WE RUN INTO RIRUKA THERE—

I CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE OF THIS -- YOU'RE SERIOUSLY GONNA KILL ME.

TWITCH

TWITCH

I TOLD YOU, REIKO, I'D GIVE YOU YOUR STAR BACK.

P -PLEASE NO MORE.

RIGHT! I SAY WE STRIP HIM BARE AND MAKE HIM RUN AROUND. WHATTA YA THINK?

BUT HE WAS A PIECE OF SHIT UP UNTIL NOW...

YEAH -- AND NOW HE WANTS TO BE FRIENDS.

WHY SHOULD WE LAY OFF YOU? REMEMBER WHEN YOU TOLD ALL OF US YOU WERE GONNA KILL US?

WOW! REIKO HAS GOT SOME PROBLEMS.

WELL, FIRST OF ALL, LET'S JUST GET REIKO'S STAR BACK.

THEN WE CAN TALK

WHOOSH-SPLASH

RIRUKA . ?

WHY.. HOW. ?

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I REALLY NEED TO PUT SOME CLOSURE ON THINGS WITH RIZUKA, BUT--

--TO BE HONEST, I THINK THAT DOING THAT NOW WOULD BE A HORRIBLE IDEA.

I COULD SWEAR I JUST SAW RIZUKA FOR A SECOND THERE.

BUT WE HAVE AN EDGE ON HER NOW.

I MEAN -- SHE HASN'T MOVED.

AND SHE WAS-- SHE WAS A -- A MONSTER.

I THINK THAT IF WE TOOK HER NOW WE COULD WASTE 'ER, HANDS DOWN.

OVERHEATING MY BODY TO FREE MYSELF FROM THAT CRYO-STASIS USED UP ALL MY ENERGY.

W/ GOOD SHOT OVERUSED.

W/ BODY GETTING

GETTING COLD...

HUH?
DOES--
DOES SHE HAVE ANY 'DEA WHAT SHE JUST SUGGESTED?
I MEAN, SHOULDN'T WE HELP HER OR SOMETHING?
THAT GIRL-- OUT THERE.
--I JUST DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD THING TO JUST IGNORE THE WEAK OR PEOPLE NEEDING HELP
RIGHT?!
I MEAN, I DON'T KNOW THE DEETS OF WHAT'S GOING ON HERE, BUT--

YOU SHOULD JUST STAY THE FUCK OUT OF SHIT THAT DOESN'T INVOLVE YOU!!

WHAT— WHAT'D I—

ARE YOU KID—

ARE YOU FUCKING SERIOUS, CHIKURO?!

HEY REIKO.

I NEVER—

I NEVER TOLD THEM!!

!!

THAT GIRL THAT JUST "FELL" INTO THE POOL - IS SHE SOMEONE YOU KNOW?

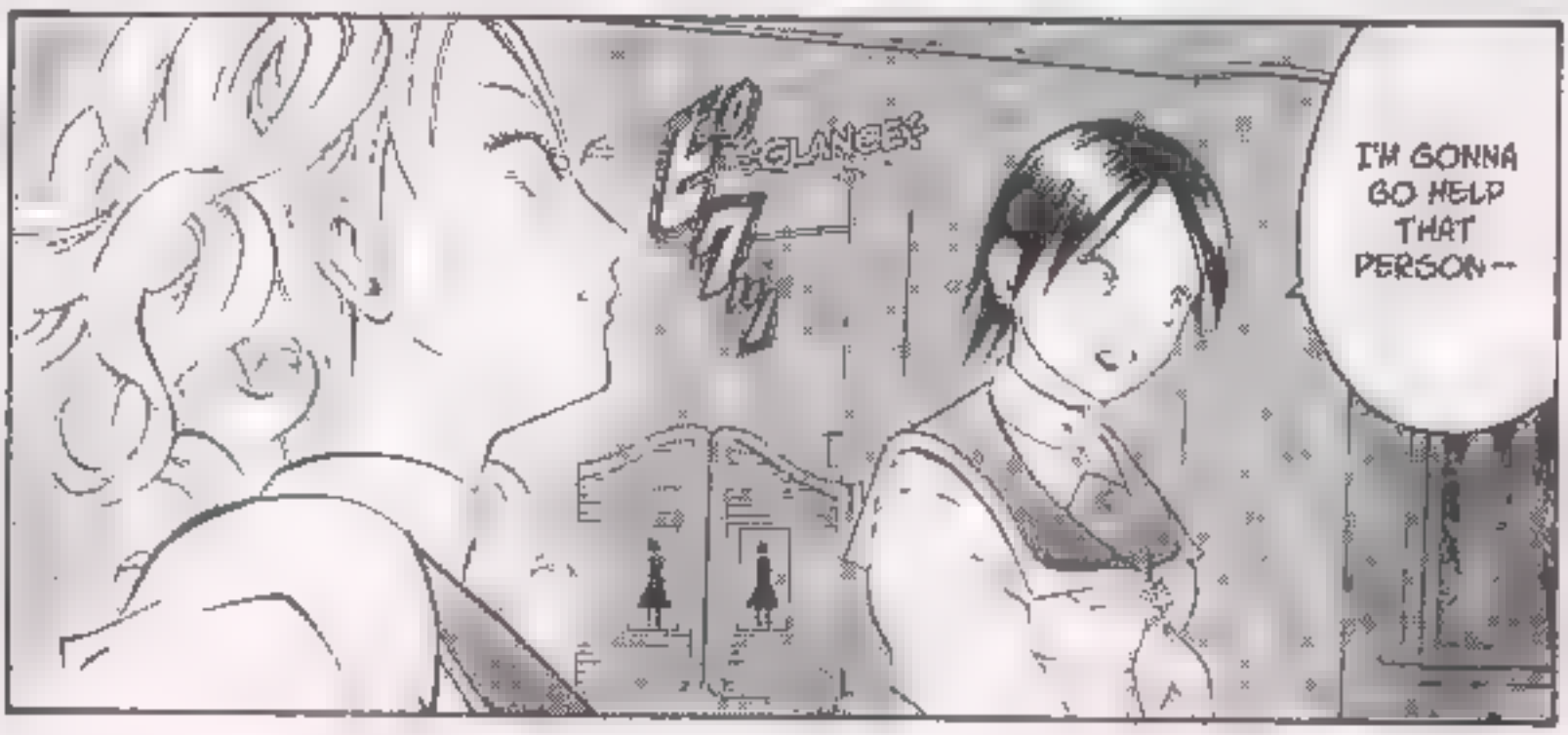
SHE KINDA LOOKED LIKE YOU, AND HER BOOBS WERE ENOR—

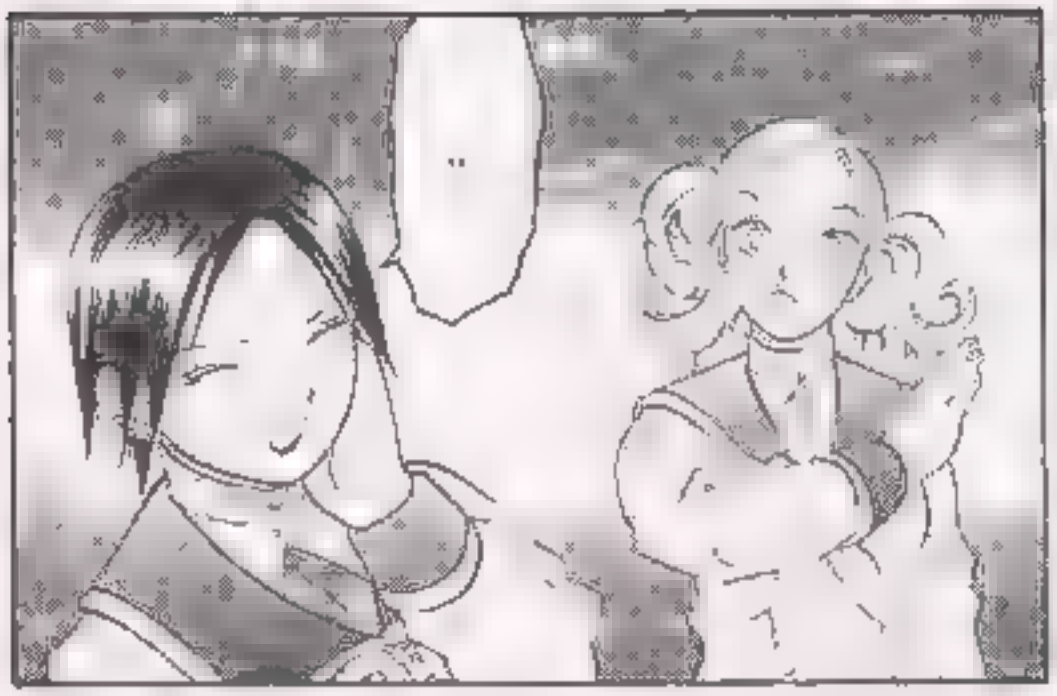
I JUST REALIZED--
CHIKURO AND RAFAEL ARE COMPLETELY UNINVOLVED.

THEY DON'T KNOW A THING ABOUT THE BLOODY HISTORY THAT RIRUKA AND I HAVE BETWEEN US.

I CAN'T GET THEM INVOLVED IN THIS--

THEY'LL ONLY END UP LIKE YUKI, RUDOH, AND MAYO!!

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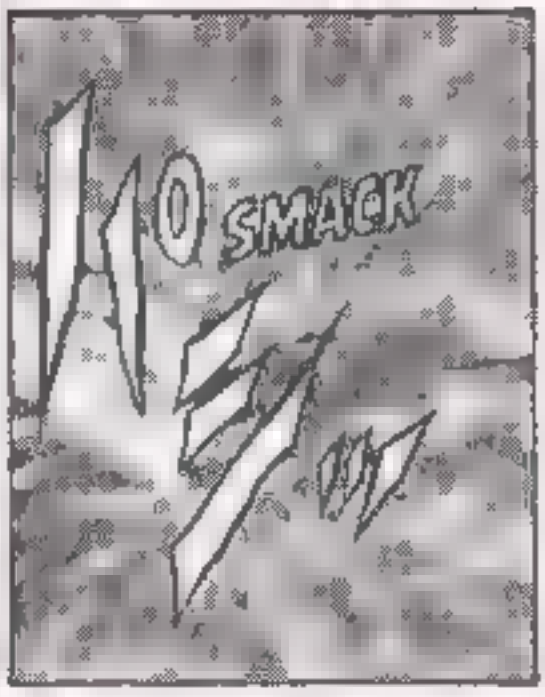
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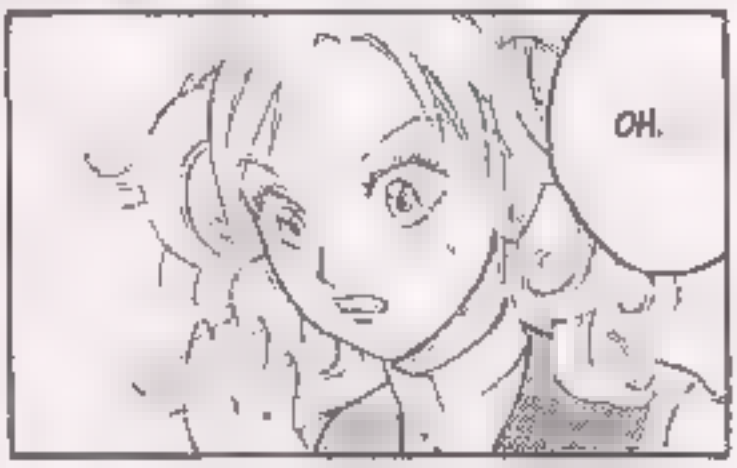
WELL, DO SOMETHING!!
GOHJIN, DID YOU SEE THAT?! REIKO SLAPPED ME ACROSS THE FACE!!
GO HOME.


OH.

YOU B-OINKED ME
YOU --!!

GET LOST
YOU'LL JUST MAKE THINGS MORE DIFFICULT

KRACK KRACK KRACK

WHY YOUU-UUU!!

I HATE YOU, GOHJIN!! YOU'RE A JERK!! A REAL ASSHOLE!!

I'M NEVER TALKING TO YOU AGAIN!!

SHE ACTU-ALLY WENT HOME...

SEEMS LIKE IT, BUT --

RIRUKA-- SHE'S GONE!!

HUH?

SHE'S ALREADY ON HER WAY HERE!

SHIIIT!!

SHE WASTED THE SHIT OUT OF ALL MY UNDEAD MINIONS!!

I'M FUCKING DEAD!!

I STOLE HER STAR AND SHE IS GONNA PAY ME BACK AND THEN SOME!!

AND SHE'S COMING TO KILL ME!!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON HERE?

QUIT TRYING TO RUN OFF-- YOU HAVE SOME EXPLAININ' TO DO!!

STOP RIGHT THERE!!

AND RAFAEL-- GET OUT OF HERE, NOW!!

HEY!! YOU HAVEN'T GIVEN MY STAR BACK TO ME YET!!

BUT HEY.-- STAR COLLECTOR'S SCARED SHITLESS, SO--

I MIGHT NOT HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT RUNNING INTO HIM AGAIN.

FINALLY, I CAN SLEEP WITHOUT HAVING TO LEAVE ONE EYE OPEN.

!!

THUP

SPURT

KEZZ

I CAN'T JUST LURK AROUND THIS SCHOOL.

I KNOW THAT SOLDIER-BITCH IS COMING AFTER ME —

AND NOT JUST HER, BUT REIKO, TOO.

NOTICES

SPANT

SPANT

UMPH.

SHIT

I AM NOT DOING WELL

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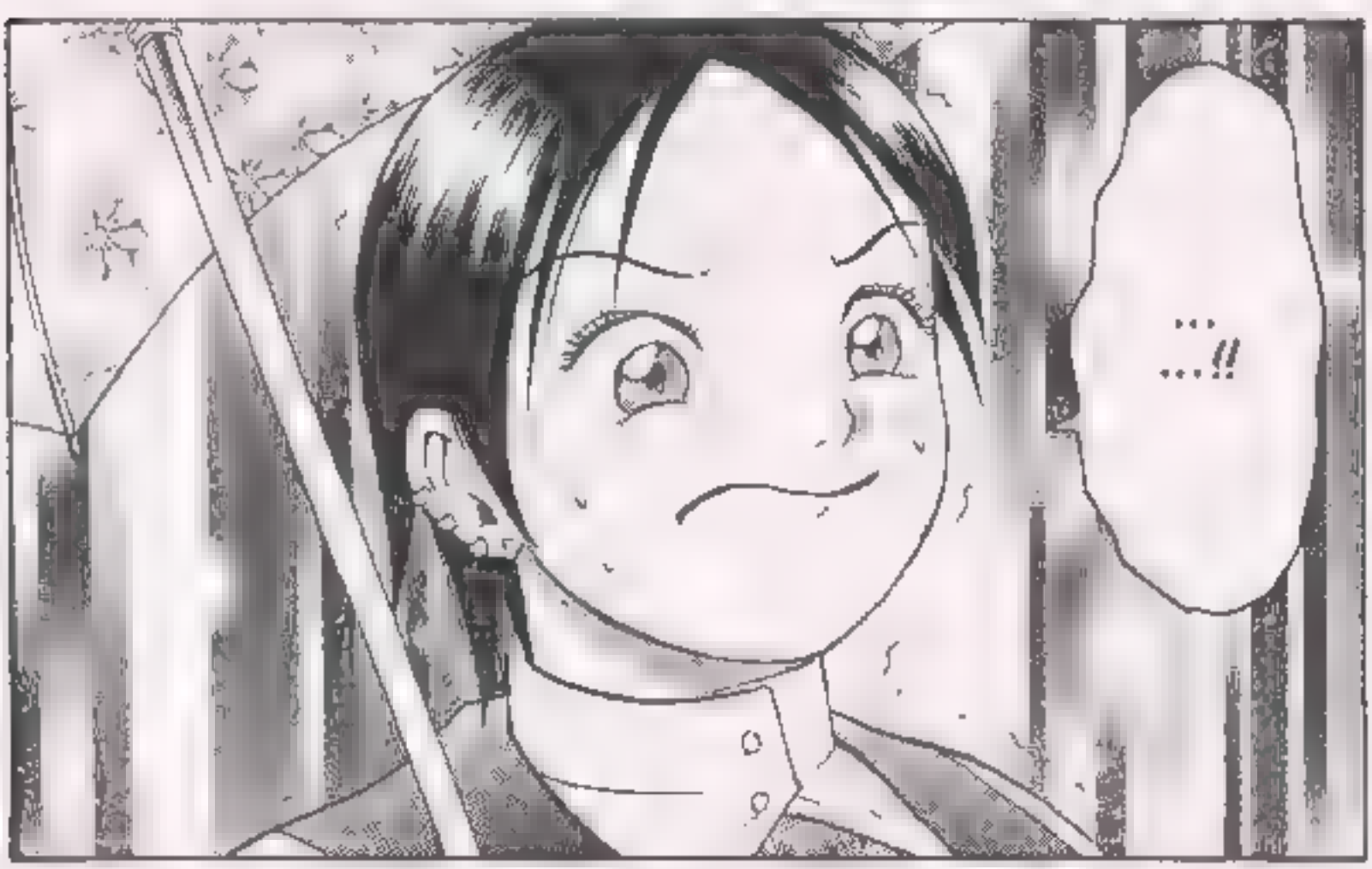

WHO THE HELL.

IS SHE ?

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BUT YES, YOU CAN GO, SIMPLY BECAUSE I NEVER WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN.

YOU MADE ME RUN AROUND THIS PLACE LIKE CRAZY, AND I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU WANT--

IF YOU JUST LAY YOUR HAND UPON YOUR STAR FOR ABOUT THIRTY SECONDS.

AND ONCE THAT IS DONE — I, YOU -- "WE" HAVE NO MORE PROBLEMS AND YOU'LL LET ME GO, RIGHT?

.. IT WILL NATURALLY RETURN TO YOUR HAND.

CHRIST, I KNOW!

RIRUKA'S AROUND HERE SOME-WHERE, SO LET'S NOT GET COMFORT-ABLE.

REIKO~ YOU MIGHT WANNA HURRY UP AND GET THIS DONE WITH.

IT STINGS.

OUCH—

SLAP

UHH -- ?!

LOOKS LIKE BLOOD OR SOMETHING IS ALL OVER THE WINDOW OF ONE OF THE GUYS' BATHROOMS.

I'M GONNA SEE WHAT'S UP INSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING.

REIKO. .

GOHJIN -- JUST HOLD ON A SEC --

SORRY.

YOU JUST STAY HERE.

NO FUCKING WAY!!

SCRAPE

(GIRLS') P.E.

CHEMISTRY

LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER

WHO THE HELL DID THIS?! IS THIS RIRUKA'S WORK?!

RA- RAFAEL!!

BESIDES, WHAT GAIN WOULD SHE HAVE FROM KILLING RAFAEL AND A BUNCH OF TEACHERS?

NO ~ THESE LOOK LIKE THEY NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT THEM – LIKE THEY WERE ASSASSINATED

IF RIRUKA WAS BEHIND THIS, THE WHOLE MESS WOULD BE A BIT MORE "COLORFUL" KNOWING HER PERSONALITY

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WHERE AM I?

NURSE'S OFFICE

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO I AM.

WHY... WHY'D YOU HELP ME?

HUH? DID YOU SAY SOME-THING?

WHAT'D YOU THINK YOU'D GAIN BY HELPING ME?

THAT'S CALLED "HYPOCRISY."

YOU MAKE ME WANNA PUKE.

DID YOU THINK YOU'D BE THANKED OR CONGRATULATED—

—BY LENDING A HELPING HAND TO THOSE YOU THINK ARE WEAK?

ARE YOU DENSE? NO ONE HELPS SOMEONE WITHOUT EXPECTING SOMETHING.

DOING THIS IS JUST A WAY TO CONVINCE YOURSELF THAT YOU'RE A GOOD PERSON.

HY— HYPROCRISY?

THEY'RE "BUYING" THE FEELING OF WHAT THEY'VE CONVINCED THEMSELVES IT IS TO BE "A GOOD PERSON."

THEY'RE NOT "GIVING MONEY."

LIKE PEOPLE WHO PUT CHANGE IN DONATION BOXES FOR WHATEVER CHARITY.

I THINK IT TASTES BETTER WITH IT, AND IT'LL WARM YOU UP FASTER, TOO.

HEY-- SO YOU WANT SOME GARLIC IN YOUR RAMEN?

ONCE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU'LL REALIZE THAT I DON'T CARE IF YOU HELPED ME.

GRRR- RUMBLE RUMBLE

LOOK, I NEVER ASKED FOR YOUR PITIFUL CHARITY IN THE FIR--

ARE YOU EVEN LISTENING TO A WORD I'M SAYING?

WHEN I WAS IN ELEMEN-TARY SCHOOL...

YUM! RAMEN'S READY ♥

DAMN... THIS ISN'T BAD!!

THE THEME WAS LIKE — "LET'S TAKE CARE OF OUR FURRY FRIENDS," YOU KNOW?

I USED TO PICK UP A LOT OF STRAY DOGS AND CATS OFF THE STREET.

AND I WROTE ABOUT IT IN AN ESSAY PRESENTATION FOR SCHOOL.

BUT A LOT OF THE KIDS IN MY CLASS STARTED LOOKING AT ME A LITTLE DIFFERENT.

AND ALL MY TEACHERS AND MY PARENTS REALLY COMPLIMENTED ME ON IT.

THE SCHOOL EVEN GAVE ME AN OFFICIAL COMMENDATION AWARD BECAUSE IT WAS SO GOOD.

THEY CALLED ME ALL SORTS OF STUFF.

-- "CHIKURO'S A PHONY BROWN-NOSER"

THEY SAID STUFF LIKE, "CHIKURO'S A KISS-ASS," OR --

HEY!

--THEY DIDN'T MIND IF I BROUGHT HOME THE OCCASIONAL STRAY, BUT--

MY PARENTS DIDN'T REALLY MIND ANIMALS THAT MUCH, SO--

--THE NEXT DAY WHEN I WALKED BY THAT SAME SPOT--

--I REALIZED THE MISTAKE I HAD MADE.

BUT I DIDN'T WANNA BE CALLED A "PHONY" OR "KISS ASS" ANY MORE--

THE EXPENSE I'D WIND UP PAYING FOR NOT BEING CALLED A "PHONY" OR WHATEVER...

Someone
lease take us
ice home!!

SO, I MADE A DECISION AT THAT POINT THAT I'D STICK TO.

.. MEANT THAT I'D HAVE TO ALWAYS WORRY ABOUT WHAT OTHERS AROUND ME THOUGHT

AND THAT'S SOMETHING THAT I REALLY DON'T LIKE.

...

FFFF

I'D RATHER BE A "PHONY" THAT DOES SOMETHING--

--THAN A "GOOD PERSON" WHO DOES NOTHING!!

SO, THE SOLDIER BITCH CAME

HACK-THWOP

!!

HUH?!

SHIT .

THUMP

SLAM!!

OR SHOULD I SAY,

THAT REALLY HURT, ASSHOLE.

I POISONED MY BLADE, AND THEN LOPPED OFF YOUR ARM..

.. I DIDN'T THINK THAT YOU'D BE STANDING AFTER THAT!!

...YOU BITCH!!

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

DIDN'T THINK THAT I'D HAVE TO USE THIS..

:SLUMP:

WHO AROUND HERE HAS A GUN?!

THERE'S NO WAY!!

WAS-- WAS THAT GUN-SHOTS?!

THAT WAS GUNSHOTS WASN'T IT?!

!!

YOU HAVE MY AUTHORI-ZATION TO FIRE AT WILL.

THERE ARE TWO MICE OUTSIDE-- SEE TO IT THAT THEY'RE EXTERMI-NATED!!

UNDER-STOOD, CAPTAIN YUKINA!!

I'LL TAKE CARE OF RIZUKA.

"DOT"?!

STAR COLLEC-TOR

THERE'S A RED DOT.

ON YOUR HAT...

AH!!

!!

BLAM!

WHAT THE— ?!

PING

?!

SHE BLOCKED IT?!

KRINCH

BOOOM

YURI-KAWA!!

ACK! NO ARMS!

SAKI YURIKAWA
Responsible for the deaths of twenty nine young girls in the in the brutal killing of serial slayings in Shiraike. Died in combat with **REIKO HIMEZONO**.

WHOOA!! SHE PUT UP A SMOKE-SCREEN-- OF BLOOD MIST!!

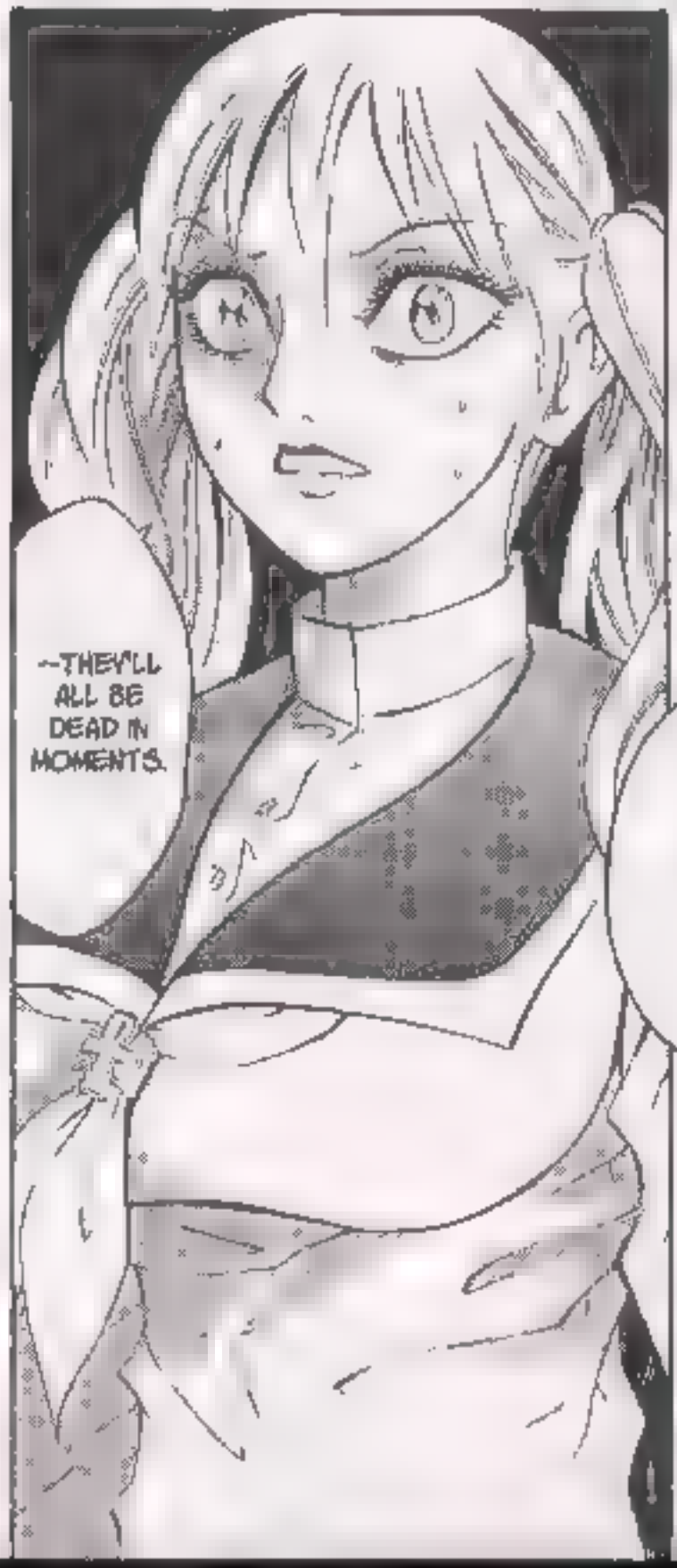
SHE A FUCKIN' NINJA OR SOMETHING?!

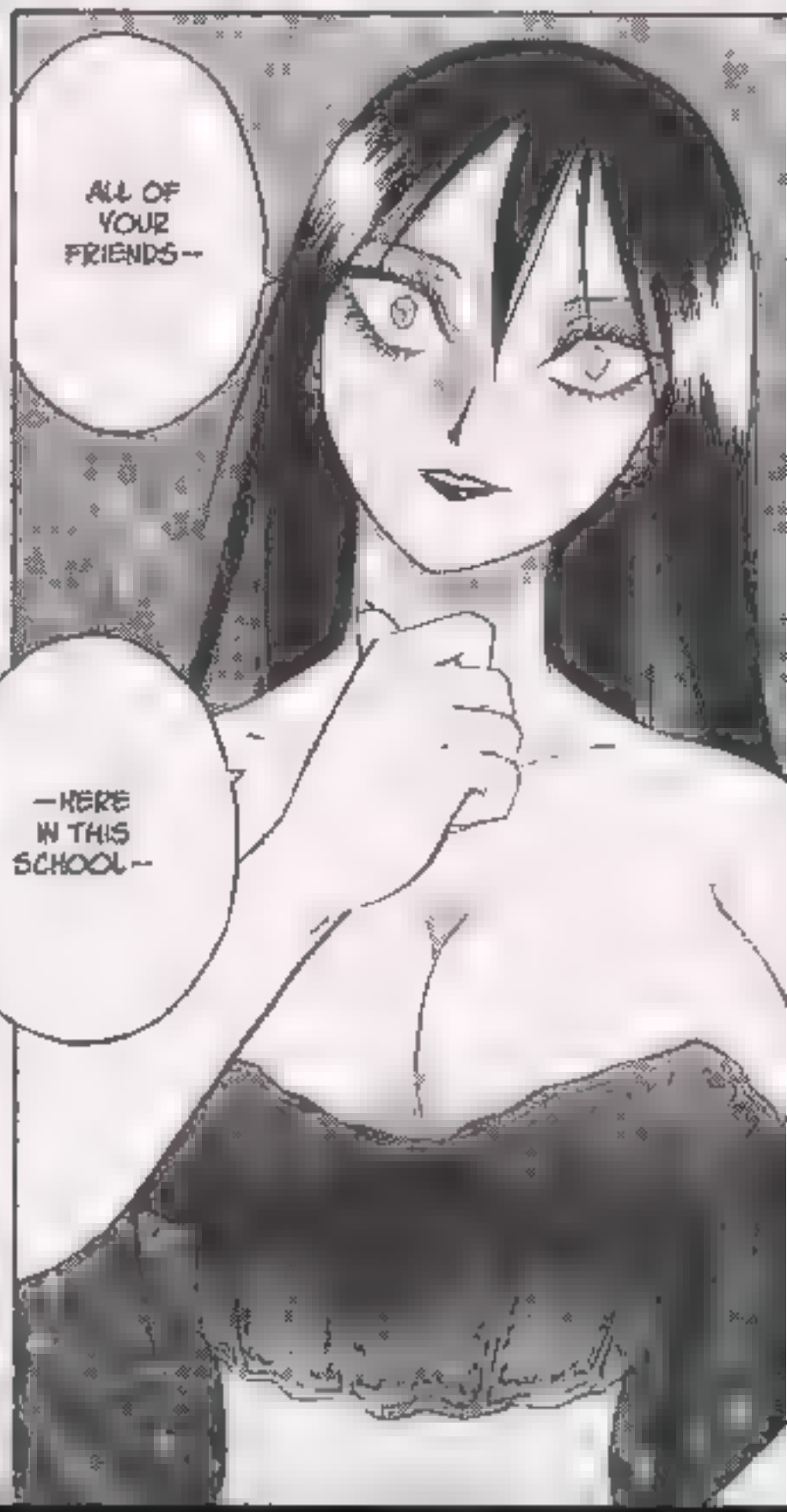
PWUUSSSHHH

SLICE

JUST HAVING ONE BAD BREAK AFTER ANOTHER, AREN'T WE REIKO?

JEEZ— WHO WERE THOSE GUYS?!


--THEY'LL ALL BE DEAD IN MOMENTS.


ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS--
--HERE IN THIS SCHOOL--

ACT 29

THAT SOLDIER BITCH THAT'S RUNNING AROUND HERE HAS ONLY TWO TARGETS.

ONE OF THEM IS CATCHING ME, AND THE OTHER —

REIKO, I DON'T HAVE TIME TO BE MESSING AROUND WITH YOU RIGHT NOW.

— IS KILLING EVERYONE THAT ISN'T ME!!

YOU SAW HOW THEY BLEW S.C.'S BRAINS OUT JUST A SECOND AGO, DIDN'T YOU?

.. REIKO, DUCK

.HUH?

I SAID, "DUCK"!!

YEEEE-OOOH!!

RAAAHH!!!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

BRAP-PAP-PAP-PAP

THONK

FWOOM

SLAP

THWP

REIKO— BECAUSE OF THE "SHELLS OF FATE," I AM NO LONGER HUMAN.

SO THOSE GUYS SHOOTING AT ME KNOW THAT EVEN MACHINE GUNS CAN'T HARM ME.

THUD

PRAP

THWUM

DID RIRUKA—

DID RIRUKA JUST SAVE ME?

I'LL PLAY ALONG WITH THEIR LITTLE GAME, SO—

--YOU GO FIND WHOEVER THEY'RE LOOKING FOR!!

SO I'M PRETTY SURE THAT THEY'RE JUST A DECOY TO GET MY ATTENTION.

WHICH MEANS THAT THE REST OF THEM ARE STILL LOOKING FOR SOMEONE ELSE.

THUNK

URMPH!

WAIT!! NO!!

SLAM

HUH?!

YOUKS!!

GA-
GYA
AAA
A!!

CHUN-SPLURCH

RUN!!
RUUNNNN!!

SHE GOT
HIM! NOW
WE'RE
FUCKED!

OHHH
SHIIIT!!

BASHAKKU

SHIT!!

GYA!!

MY FEET!!

MY

MY...

WHOA!

THAT AND YOU...

GIMME YOUR GUN!!

YOU'VE BEEN FIRING LIKE CRAZY NONSTOP.

EVEN IF I AM, BY MOST ACCOUNTS, "IMMORTAL"—

..WHEN SOMEONE SHOOTS YOU THAT MUCH, IT STILL KINDA HURTS A LITTLE, ASSFACE!!

BLAM!

WOW

BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT I CAN GET CHIKURO OUT OF HERE ALIVE BY MYSELF!!

WE'RE NOT FINISHED WITH EACH OTHER YET -- I'M JUST PUTTING THINGS ON HOLD!

OH YEAH, AND REIKO!!

AND THAT'S THE ONLY REASON.

I OWE HER ONE.

YOU'RE -- LOOKING OUT FOR HER?

GET CHIKURO OUT?!

UM. . CAN I COME OUT NOW?!

!!

CHIKURO!!

SHIT.

LISTEN TO ME WHEN I SAY SOMETHING.

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU TO STAY IN THE NURSE'S ROOM!

WHY IS THIS PLACE SUCH A -- SUCH A BLOODBATH?!

I MEAN -- ARE THESE GUNS AND CORPSES -- ARE THEY REAL?!

HE'S THE GUY THAT SQUIRTED MAYONNAISE ON YOUR HEAD.

GOHJIN?

SO I AM JUST LOOKING FOR HIM.

GOHJIN'S MY "KNIGHT"!

Y'KNOW

I'VE BEEN HEARING GUNFIRE NONSTOP, SO I JUST FIGURED HE'D BITTEN IT.

YOU MEAN HE'S NOT *DEAD*?!

AH, THAT MORONIC-LOOKING DIPSHIT WASTE OF SKIN, RIGHT?

SERIOUSLY, GOHJIN. GOHJIN'S REALLY~

~REALLY STRONG!!

REALLY~

YEARGH!!

STOP THAT!! THERE'S NO WAY!!

NUH?

HIS HEART'S NOT BEATING, EITHER.
I FED HIM FOUR SHOTS STRAIGHT TO THE CHEST
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD HAVE SURVIVED.

HMPH!

NO TWO WAYS ABOUT IT - HE'S DEAD.

-FLIP-

--HE JUST MESSED WITH THE WRONG PERSON.

GOT TO GIVE IT TO THE GUY, THOUGH, HE WAS ONE TOUGH SON OF A BITCH, BUT--

!!

SHIT!!
SOMETHING'S
UP WITH
THIS GUY!!

SCLICK!
SCLICK!

WHOO OOO OAA!!

BLAM

NO HELL

BLAM

THERE'S STILL SOMETHING WRONG!!

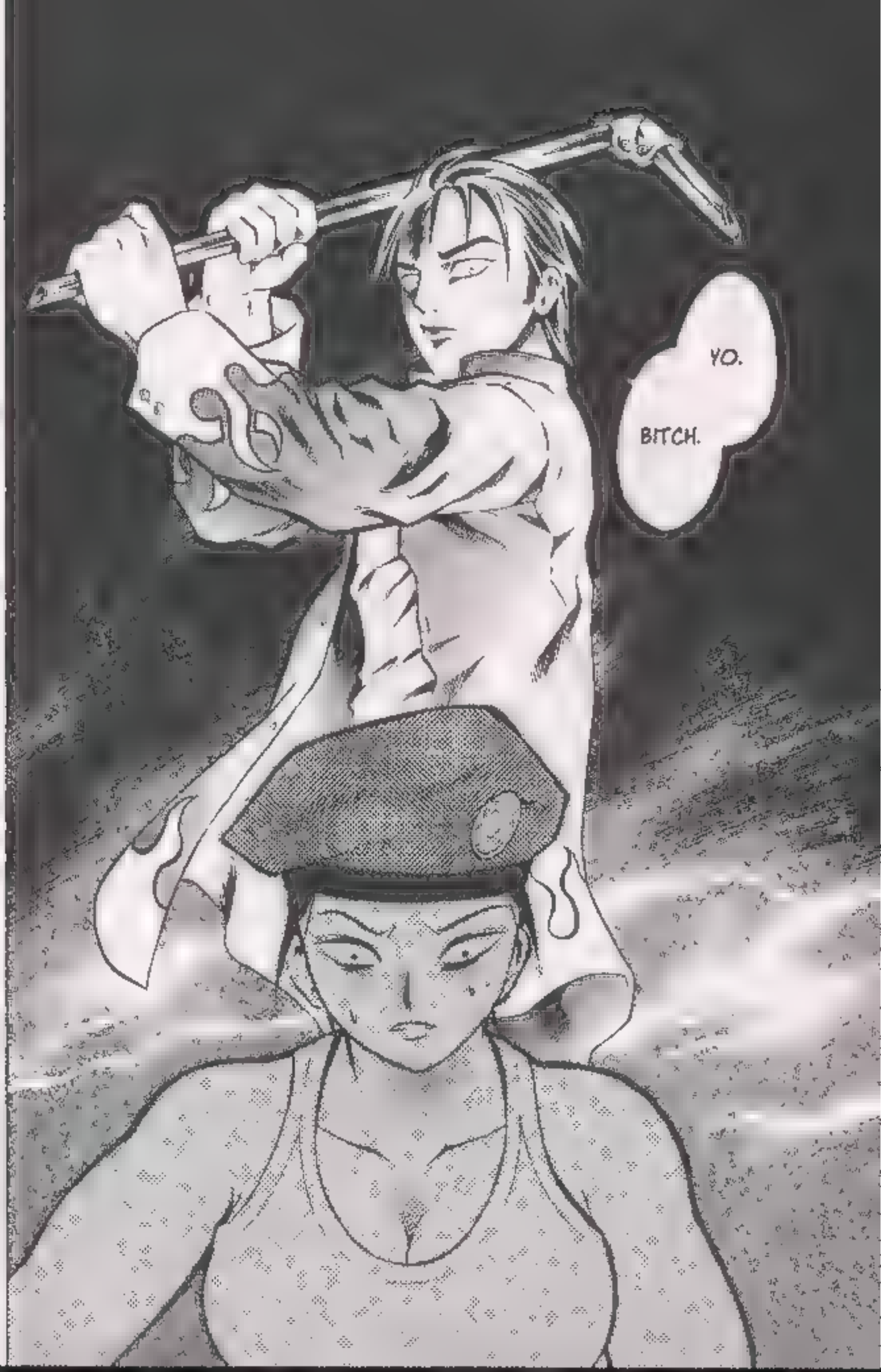
THERE'S STILL SOME-THING--

:PANT:

:PANT:

I KEEP FEELING SOMETHING...!!

THE FEELING THAT THIS GUY'S STILL STILL ALIVE!!


YO.
BITCH.

WHACK

WHA—

WHAT'D YOU CALL ME?!

JUST SO YOU KNOW, THAT GUY WASN'T MY TWIN, OR SOME LAME THING LIKE THAT!!

HE'S A ZOMBIE— AND I'M THE SUMMONER!!

I "SLIPPED" HIM INTO THINGS DURING OUR LITTLE MATCH-UP

ZOM— ZOMBIE?!

RIP RIP RIP RIP

ALTERNATIVE

As his namesake, this zombie can appear as someone else. Able to produce a stretchable resin-like skin he can appear to be someone else. Currently, however he can only mimic the appearance of GOHJIN.

AND WHY'D YOU KILL RAFAEL?!

WHY ARE YOU HERE?!

SO BEFORE I KILL YOU, I WANNA HEAR WHAT YOU HAVE TO SAY.

I'D RATHER NOT COMMIT RANDOM ACTS OF VIOLENCE TOWARD WOMEN - THAT'S NOT THE KIND OF GUY I AM.

SO ANYONE THAT WITNESSED WHAT HAS HAPPENED TONIGHT MUST BE— EXTINGUISHED!!

RIRUKA HAS NOW BECOME A VERY SECRET, VALUABLE BIOLOGICAL WARFARE SPECIMEN.

HE SAW RIRUKA, WHO HAD BEEN SHOT BY THE "SHELL OF FATE"!!

BECAUSE HE SAW IT!!

SORIN: ニヤリ

WE'LL SEE THAT THE BEREAVED FAMILIES GET A NICE CHECK.

...
..
.

SO, YOU'RE GONNA KILL REIKO AND CHIKURO THEN, TOO, RIGHT?

YOU BIIIITT-TCCH!!

YEEARRGGH

SCRATCH

FWOOOOOOM

HEEE

KER-CHOKK

FLITCH

THER-FLOP

CHING!

WHOA!!

?!

WHAT'S WITH CALLING ME BITCH NONSTOP, HUH, PUNK?!

YOU THINK YOU'RE SPECIAL OR SOMETHIN' 'CAUSE YOU GOT A DICK?!

DON'T YOU EVER CALL ME BITCH AGAIN!!

THEN FEED IT TO YOUR FRIEND THERE.

MAYBE WE'LL SLICE IT OFF THEN, HUH?!

BECAUSE OF A COUPLE OF THINGS. .!!

BUT WE'RE ALL COOL HERE.

WHOA -- ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!

GETTING PRETTY FIESTY ALL OF A SUDDEN AREN'T WE.

CHIKURO STILL HAS HER LIFE AND--

!

THERE'S STILL THE MEMORY OF RAFAEL, AND--

:THPT

SOMEONE FELL FOR THE FAKE-OUT!!

YOU JUST GOT OWNED!!

THWAM

. AND IT REALLY BOTHERS—

THERE'S JUST SOMETHING WRONG WITH HITTING A CHICK..

SHIT— AS MUCH AS I HAD TO DO THAT--

GOHJIN KUATA.

YOU'VE GOT TWO THINGS GOIN' FOR YOU RIGHT NOW.

AND THE OTHER-- AND THIS S THE BIG ONE--

THAT WAS PRETTY IMPRESSIVE.

THE FIRST IS THAT YOU TOOK DOWN THAT YUKINA CHICK HAND TO HAND.

--YOU'RE GONNA HAVE TO HELP ME OUT

--IS THAT IF YOU WANT CHIKURO TO LIVE--

.. HUH?

..

I MOVED RAFAEL AND THE TEACHERS' BODIES--

--TO SOMEPLACE OUT OF THE WAY

GRRG

THEY WERE SCATTERED AROUND THE BATHROOMS.

THAT'S ONLY BECAUSE SHE WAS GONNA KILL ME AFTER SHE TALKED A LITTLE.

I WAS ABLE TO GET A LITTLE BIT OUT OF HER WHEN WE FOUGHT, BUT--

SHE DOESN'T ANSWER ANYTHING WE ASK HER.

NOW, HOW 'BOUT WE HURRY AND FINISH THIS UP?

KILLED RAFAEL . . !!

THIS— THIS BITCH. .

ROWWRRRRRN

GRAB

SHE DOESN'T HAVE TO SAW ANYTHING RIGHT NOW.

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

OUT OF HER FRESHLY ZOMBIFIED CORPSE!!

WE CAN JUST GET ANY INFORMATION WE WANT—

HAAA!!

ZHOOM

!?

ANYTIME NOW.

KEH-KEH

KEH

. THE REST OF THE STRIKE FORCE HAD ORDERS TO LAUNCH A FULL ONSLAUGHT!!

99"

99"

99"

99"

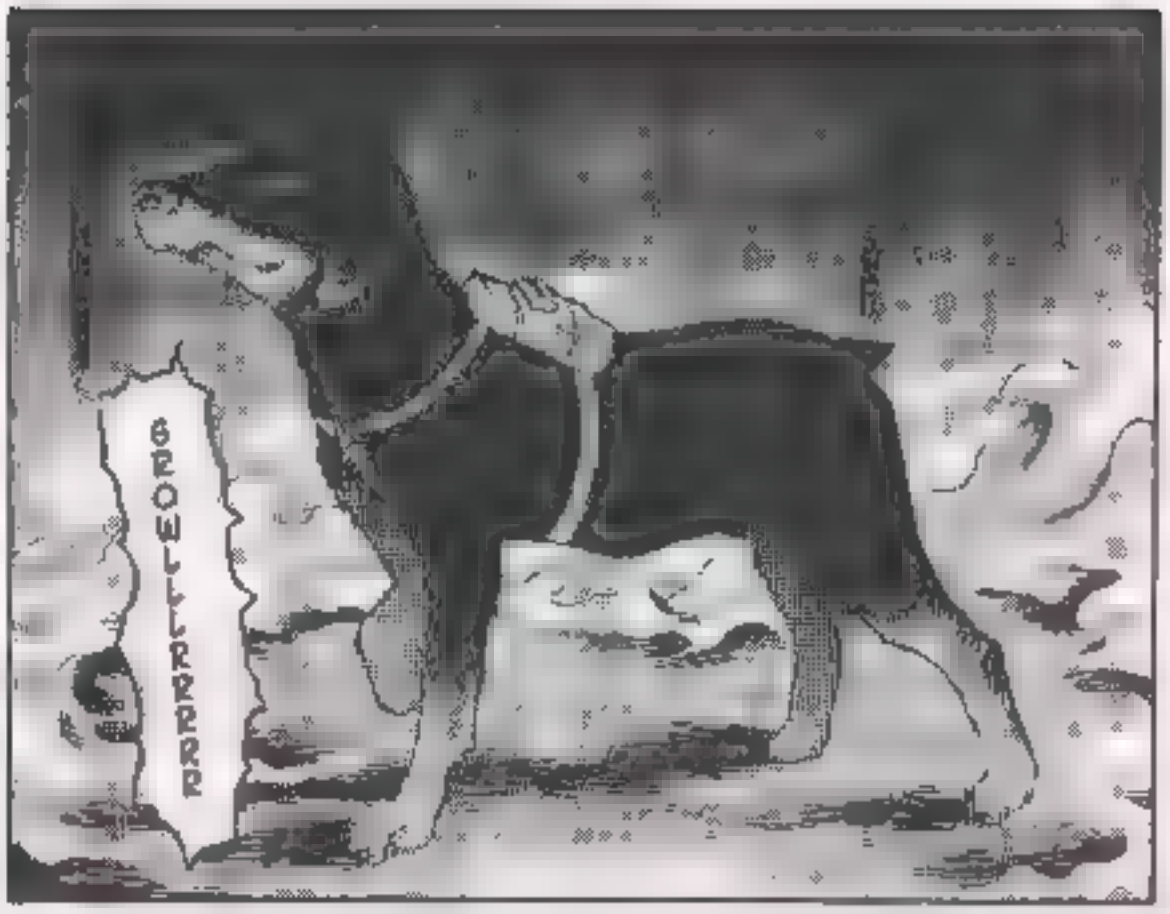
IF I COULDN'T SEND WORD OF MY WHEREABOUTS AND PROGRESS WITHIN THIRTY MINUTES OF ENTERING THE SCHOOL BUILDING..

SKRITCH 9"=1"

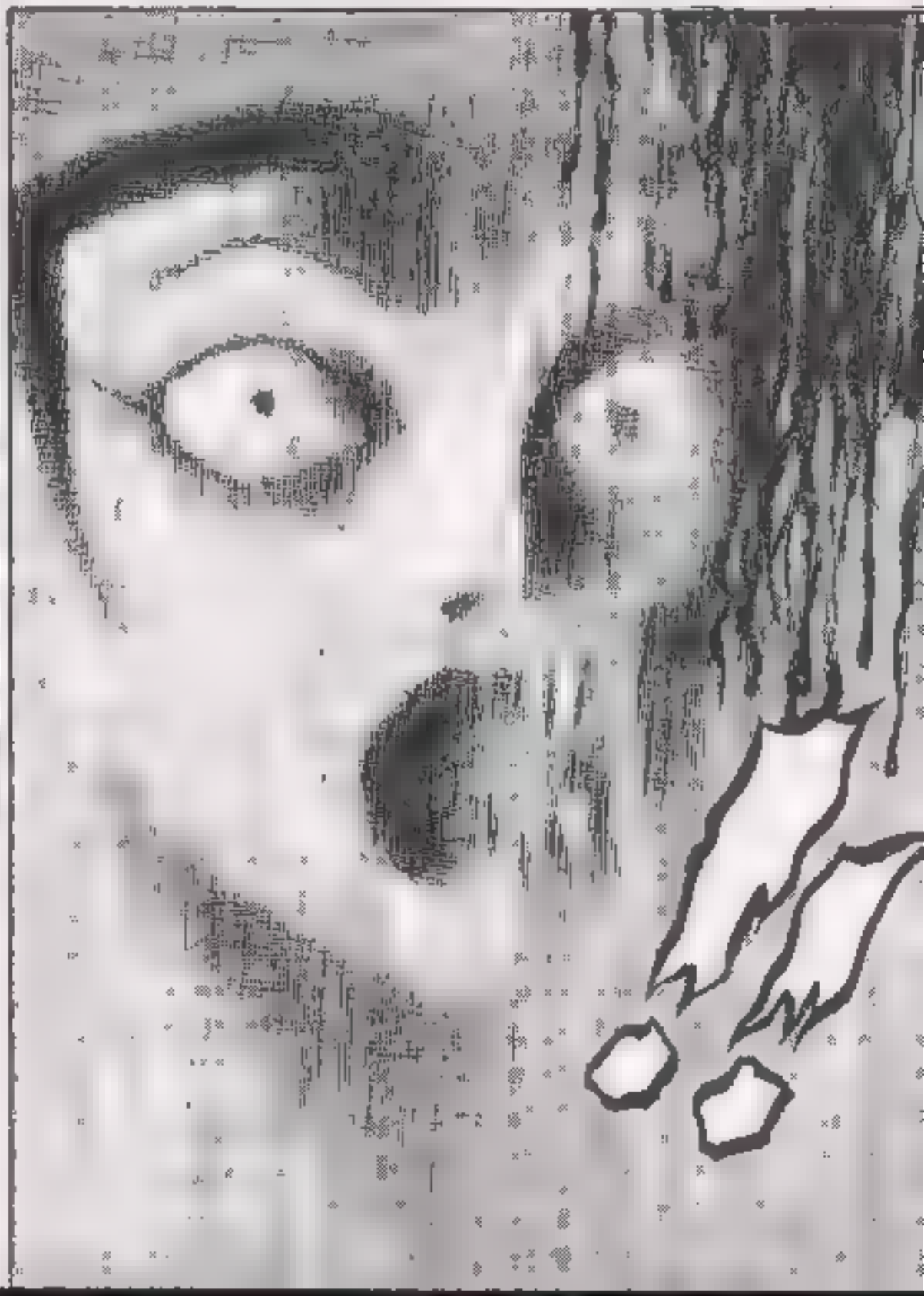
GRASH

A-A DOG?!

WHA- WHAT'S STRAPPED TO HIS BACK?!


GROWLLRRRR

SOME SORT OF TIMER.
THAT'S NOT A — THAT'S NOT A —
WAIT A MINUTE —



KYA!

CHIKURO, GET UP!!

USING A DOG FOR THAT — DIRTY!!

A BOMMMMMB!!

KRR RAK

RIRUKA — GET BACK!!

WHY WOULD ONE OF THE COLONEL'S PERSONAL "BOMB DOGS" BE HERE?! IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE.

THERE — THERE'S NO WAY!!

KA-BOOOM!!

KYAAA-IN

NHOOAR!!

COLONEL SHIROGANE — YOU FUCKING BASTARD!!

HOW DARE YOU DO THIS TO ME!!

ARE YOU SURE THAT WAS THE BEST PLAN, COLONEL SHIROGANE?

YEAH, WHAT A WASTE.

AH, SHIT— CAPTAIN YUKINA WAS REALLY MY TYPE, TOO.

ALL OF THE "SHELLS OF FATE" THAT SHE COLLECTED WERE JUST—

WORKS IN PROGRESS, WORTHLESS SCRAPS OF METAL.

REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE OUTCOME, YUKINA'S SERVICE WAS TERMINATED.

NOT AT ALL— ERUKA'S STILL IN THERE.

--TOTALLY A WASTE?!

SO, YOU'RE SAYING EVERYTHING WE'VE DONE TO GET THIS FAR WAS~

AND YOU'LL DO WHATEVER IT TAKES TO GET IT.

ONE OF THE SHELLS IS STILL BURIED IN RIRUKA— RIGHT HERE.

WHOA.

CORPSE HERE..

PREPARE BOTH THE CRYO-GUNS AND REGULAR ARMS AND BE READY TO USE EITHER.

RIRUKA-CHAN, COME ON OUT!! ♥

WE'RE GONNA ICE YOU LIKE A CAKE, AND THEN DIG THAT LITTLE TRINKET OUT OF YOUR FOREHEAD!! ♥

THESE THINGS SHOULD BE COOKED LIKE YAKINIKU, RIGHT?

BUT THEY'RE NOT EVEN SINGED?!

ONE. TWO. . THREE. AND HERE'S A FOURTH.

IT SEEMS LIKE SOMEONE PLACED THEIR CORPSES HERE AFTER THEY WERE KILLED.

I MEAN, THEY'RE ALL LINED UP, TOO.

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH.

I'M STARTING TO GET REALLY PISSED.

WANNA WASTE 'ER?

MAYBE I'LL JUST POP ONE IN 'ER THIGH.

DOES SHE THINK SHE'S GONNA TAKE US?! SHE'S NOT EVEN ARMED!!

WHAT THE HELL? WHO'S THIS CHICK?!

OH, SATAN, LORD OF DEMONS!!

ZWOOOOOOSH

ACT 30

GOHJIN JUMPED IN FRONT OF THE BLAST FROM THAT "BOMB DOG"--

BECAUSE HE WAS TRYING TO PROTECT YOU FROM GETTING HURT.

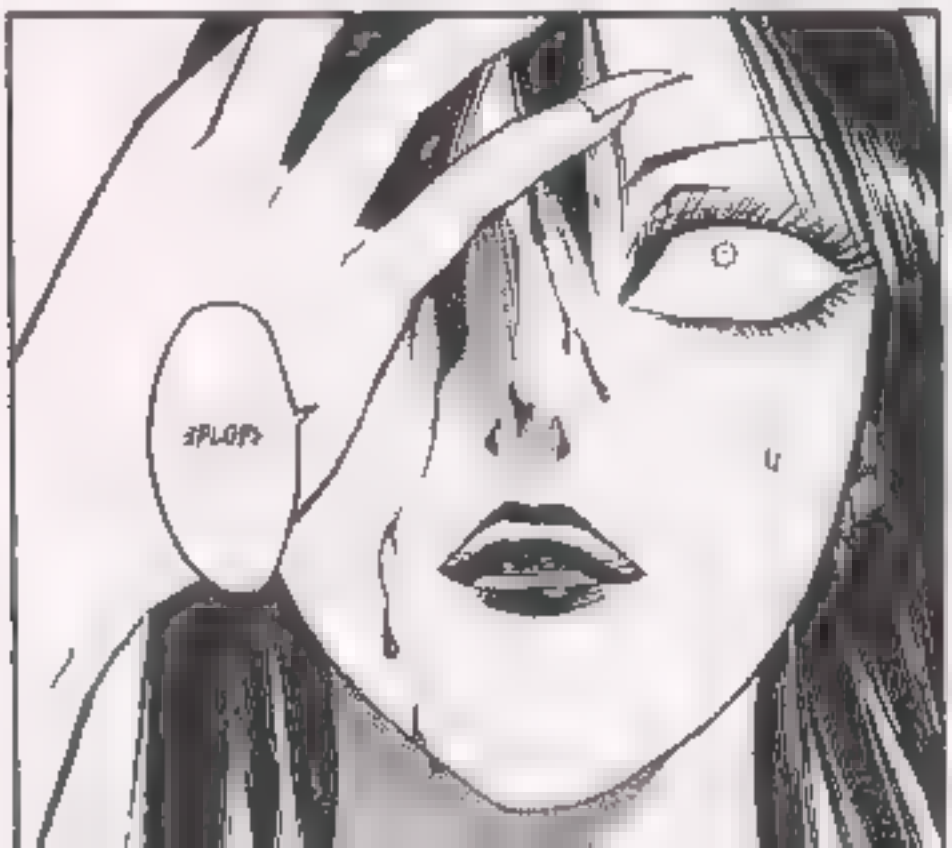
WHY DON'T YOU GO GET SOME WATER AND TOWELS?

I MEAN, IF YOU PLAN ON HELPING HIM, THAT IS.

"PRETTY PLEASE," OKAY?

DON'T ORDER ME ARO—

I NEED YOU TO WATCH GOHJIN FOR A SEC...



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TAP TAP TAP

THIS IS THE "SHELL OF FATE"?

MY FORE-HEAD--

SHIT!

THUD

IT--IT FELL OUT?!

BUT NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, MY BODY'S BEEN THROUGH A LOT I'VE BEEN SHOT, BLOWN UP--

I'VE EVEN BEEN KICKED OUT OF A HELICOPTER

THERE'S NO REASON TO THINK THAT SOME SMALL PIECE OF IRON COULD STAY IN ME THROUGH ALL THAT!!

NOW THAT I DON'T HAVE A "SHELL OF FATE" IN ME, WHAT'LL HAPPEN?!

OH, SATAN, LORD OF DEMONS, HEAR MY PRAYER!!

GRANT US YOUR MAJESTIC POWER!!

BREATHE LIFE INTO DEATH, IF ONLY FOR A MOMENT'S BREATH!!

WHO THE HELL IS SHE?

?

THOSE TRAPPED IN DEATH'S GRASP, SEEK REVENGE NOT AGAINST ME WHO HAS AWOKEN YOU!!

BUT EXACT VENGEANCE AGAINST THOSE THAT HAVE TAKEN YOUR LIFE!!

...IT'S ALL YOURS. I'M NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

AND WITH THAT...

PAINT THE BLOOD OF THOSE THAT FELL UPON YOUR SMILING FACES, WREAKING HAVOC UPON THOSE WHO CAUSED YOU MORTAL STRIFE!!

"MIMI'S DELIVERY SERVICE," OR WHATEVER.

THIS ONE'S REALLY BEEN WATCHING TOO MUCH ANIME OR READING TOO MUCH MANGA OR SOMETHING— PROBABLY THE ONES FOR THE REALLY LITTLE KIDS.

DO YOU THINK YOU'RE A WIZARD OR SOMETHING? PATHETIC.

HEH-HEH

HEH-HEH-HEH. WHATTA YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?

BURN IN HE—

WE HAVE ORDERS TO ELIMINI-FUCKIN'-NATE ANYONE IN THIS SCHOOL!!

BUT AT ANY FUCKIN' RATE, ENOUGH!!

SLITCH

SLITCH

ROGA-LAHH...

KER-BLAM

HELL

WHAT THE--

--HELL WAS THAT?!

UH. UH.

UH...

ROAAAR-
RRGHH!!

BLAM

BLAM

FIRE!!
FUCKIN'
KILL THE
BASTARDS!!

THEYRE
FUCKIN'
MONSTERS,
MAN!!

SHIT,
MAN!!
GAME
OVER!!

CHAK

!!

GISH AAA AAA A!!

GYA AAA A!!

KER-CHLORNK

WHAT THE FUCK IS HAPPENING?!

GUEEEEH!!

FOR I AM REIKO THE ZOMBIE SHOP!!

BEHOLD FOR THE FIRST AND LAST TIME -- ZOMBIE SUMMONING!!

THE DEAD WILL RISE AT MY INCANTATIONS -- AND AT MY WHIM!!

THE LIVING WILL BEG AND WALLOW FOR THE SYMPATHY AND FORGIVENESS OF THEIR UNDEAD FOES, BUT RECEIVE NONE!!

THE COMBAT ABILITIES AND FIGHTING INSTINCT OF ZOMBIES FAR EXCEED THOSE OF EVEN TRAINED HUMANS!!

YOU'D BE BEST SERVED TO ACCEPT THE FURY OF RAFAEL AND THE THREE OTHERS, FOR FIGHTING IS USELESS!!

BECAUSE "HE" IS STILL OUT THERE SOMEWHERE.

NO WAIT--

THERE WERE FIVE OF THEM

AND THOSE THAT WERE SHOT-TO-DEATH BEGIN TO WALK!!

WHAT THE HELL IS GOING ON!!

SOME YOUNG GIRL'S VOICE STARTS INCANTING SOME VOODOO SHIT

AND MY ACE IN THE HOLE — MY BEAUTIFUL BOMB-DOGS — THERE'S NOTHING LEFT OF THEM!!

AND ALL I'M ARMED WITH IS MY NINE.

.. AND THE ASSAULT PARTY TOOK ALL THE CRYO-GUNS INTO THE SCHOOL WITH THEM.

GODDAMMIT!! YOU TELLING ME I HAVE TO DO THIS FIGHT -- ALONE?!

TROOPS!! COME AND GET ME OUT OF HERE!! I'M YOUR COLONEL!!

I CAN'T BE -- I CAN'T BE THE ONLY ONE THAT SURVIVED, CAN I?!

I MADE A BIG MISTAKE BY BLOWING UP YUKINA!!

SO I HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO DESTROY THE "SHELLS OF FATE" THAT SHE SUCCESSFULLY RECOVERED!!

BUT YUKINA WAS ON TRACK TO BEING MORE POWERFUL THAN ME — AND I COULDN'T STAND FOR THAT

THERE'S JUST SOMETHING THAT BUGS ME -- THAT STINGS MY PRIDE -- ABOUT A WOMAN SURPASSING ME IN THE CAREER THAT I RIGHTFULLY EARNED!!

PLOP

PLOP

PLOP

HUH?

YEEEEEE-AGGHH!!

BLAM

I'LL— I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU!!

STAY THE FUCK AWAY FROM ME, YOU ZOMBIE PIECE OF SHIT!!

!!

THUD

HUH?!

LOOKY WHAT WE HAVE HERE!!

THUNK

BLAM BLAM!

FEAST ON THIS--

MOTHER FUCKER!!

KA-BLOOOM

WHOA

I WIN!!

THAT'S RIGHT— I WIN!!

YOU LIKE THAT, ZOMBIE?!

BORCHK

GYAAA!

NYAAAAA!!

UWA AAA!!

KER-BLAM

GET — GET OFF ME!!

SLASH

SOME-BODY — HELP!!

!!

YU —

COLONEL SHIROGANE.

I ASSUME THIS WAS YOUR DOING?

I WAS ABLE TO CONTACT HEADQUARTERS ON THE COMM UNIT A FEW MINUTES AGO, BUT

.. IT SEEMS THAT I HAD ALREADY BEEN PERMANENTLY RELIEVED OF DUTY.

NO--
YOU GOT
ME ALL
WRONG!!

I ONLY
DETONATED
THE AREA YOU
WERE IN
BECAUSE I
KNEW YOU, --
OF ALL
PEOPLE--
COULD
ESCAPE!!

AND THEN,
YOU EVEN
TRIED TO
BLOW ME UP,
DIDN'T YOU?

YOU
DESTORYED
EVERYTHING
I ACHIEVED,
AND THOUGHT
YOU'D STEAL
MY THUNDER,
HUH?

SHIT--
I THINK
I FIRED
EVERY LAST
ROUND!!

BUT GIVEN
THE SITUATION,
WE NEED TO
TEAM UP AS
STRONG AS
EVER, RIGHT,
AND --

C'MON,
YUKINA--
YOUR COMBAT
REFLEXES AND
PHYSICAL
PROWESS'D
PUT EVEN ANY
MAN TO
SHAME!!

THE FACT
THAT YOU'RE
ALIVE RIGHT
NOW IS PROOF
OF THAT!!

ANYWAY, I'VE
THOUGHT OF
SOMETHING
GREAT

LET'S
JUST
STOP,
SHALL
WE?

I'M NOT A
SOLDIER
ANYMORE.

THIS IS A WARNING TO RIRUKA HIMEZONO AND ALL OTHERS STILL WITHIN!!

OUR LITTLE "GAME" SHALL START NOW!!

I'D START RUNNING FOR YOUR LIVES NOW, 'CAUSE I AM COMIN' IN TO KILL YOU!!

YOU'LL BE HACKED TO PIECES IN THE ORDER I FIND YOU!!

BUT DON'T THINK THAT'S THE EXTENT OF OUR GAME HERE!!

ONCE I HAVE KILLED YOU, I WILL CHECK YOUR STUDENT I.D., AND HEAD OFF TO YOUR HOMES TO SYSTEMATICALLY EXECUTE YOUR FAMILIES!!

SHE'S GONE APESHIT

YOUR PARENTS? DEAD! BROTHERS AND SISTERS? DEAD! IF YOU HAVE DOGS, CATS, OR EVEN A BIRD, CONSIDER THEM DEAD, TOO!!

GYAAAHH!!

YOU'LL HAVE TO GET BY ME NOT TO END UP LIKE THIS GUY!!

UGAAH!!

PLEASE STOPPPP!!

SLASH

SLISH

SLASH

NYA-HAHAHAHA

NYA-HAHAHAHA

ST-STOP!!

SHE'S BECOME.. A DEMON!!

BRING IT, COLONEL!! YOU'RE A SOLDIER AIN'T YOU?!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE A MAN!!

I'M JUST AN AMATEUR EX-SOLDIER NOW!! AND A WOMAN AT THAT, RIGHT?!

BUT WHO'S GETTING HACKED APART BY WHO NOW, ASSFACE?!

YOU, TOO, RIRUKA.

LISTEN UP, GOHJIN AND CHIKURO.

YOU ALL JUST HEARD YUKINA'S LITTLE DECLARATION OF WAR, DIDN'T YOU?

AND THE OTHERS IN THE HALL HEARD IT, TOO...

RAFAEL AND THE OTHER THREE.

STALKING THE HALLS, WAITING TO CLAIM VENGEANCE ON THE PERSON THAT KILLED THEM.

AND THEY'RE WAITING NOW.

BUT EVEN IF THE FOUR OF THEM ARE UNDEAD, THEY'VE ALL SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE.

THE LAST BATTLE THEY WERE IN ROUGHED THEM UP GOOD.

SO ONCE YUKINA HEADS IN, SHE'LL PROBABLY BE ABLE TO CUT THROUGH THEM PRETTY EASILY.

POINT

!!

AND WHEN SHE DOES~ !!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!

RIRUKA — SISTER: AS MUCH AS IT HURTS ME TO SAY THIS...

HAH — THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE NOW.

YURIKAWA, MY ZOMBIE, IS PRETTY MUCH INCAPABLE OF PUTTING UP ANY KIND OF DECENT FIGHT!!

AFTER THAT MORON, S.C. "BORROWED" MY STAR, SHE CAME BACK LIKE THIS!!

BUT, YOU — WITH THE POWER THE "SHELLS OF FATE" HAVE GIVEN YOU — HAVE A GOOD CHANCE OF WINNING!!

SO NOW, YOU HAVE JUST DEVOLVED BACK INTO YOUR BAREBONES SELF

RIRUKA-- THE "SHELL OF FATE" THAT WAS IN YOU FELL OUT, DIDN'T IT?

I SAW IT HAPPEN.

BESIDES, THE CONFIDENCE THAT YOU EXUDED LIKE A STENCH A FEW MINUTES AGO --

I'M NOT FEELING A BIT OF IT NOW.

HUH?!

POOM

CAN I BORROW YOUR LIGHTER?

!!

EVEN IF I

OH.

WHA—

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO YOUR STUDENT I.D. AND HANDBOOK?

CLICK

. . .EVEN IF I GET KILLED.

I JUST WANNA MAKE SURE THAT MY MOM AND DAD WILL BE OKAY.

TOMORROW?

TO-

CHIKURO.

YOU'LL NEED IT WE'VE GOT SCHOOL TOMORROW.

TAKE ME-- HOSPITAL..

HOSPITAL PLEASE...

YOU ROTTING STACKS OF FLESH..

YOU WANT ME TO KILL YOU - AGAIN?!

SHE- AAAH HHH

GU- OOH- HHRR

U-HYA-
HYA!!

U-HYA-
HYA!!

ACT ÉM

SIR. TEZZ

HYA-HAHA-HAHA!!

DO-GYAAAAH!!

THUD

THU

BRING IT!!

CHING

EEEM
ZZ HUH
HA HOO
HAANT
(SCREAM AS
MUCH AS YOU
WANT)

CHIK

HUT HET
EADY HUH
HATHE N RR
OWN HOTN
KLOOD!!
(BUT GET
READY TO
BATHE IN YOUR
OWN ROTTEN
BLOOD!!)

CHAK

BLAM

BLAM

BLAM

HUR
I HALL
HUNLOW
HYSEL HNTO
HUH!!
(FOR I SHALL
UNLOAD INTO
YOU!!)

AND YOU SHALL BE THE LAST..

KILLED MAIDEN
in the time of witch-hunts, she was held under suspicion and then tortured to death using the iron maiden.

RUMBLE RUMBLE

KILLED MAIDEN!!

BE SUMMONED, MY ZOMBIE!!

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CHAKI

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:POINT:

PFWOOOSH

ZH-WOOOOM

AH-GAAAH

GYAH!!

THUNK

SHUK

KCIK

KCIK

SHOW ME WHAT A REAL MAN WOULD DO RIGHT NOW!!

COLONEL SHIROGANE!!

WHAT'RE YOU--

NU--

GUR RIP

OH NO! COLONEL SHIROGANE!!

YOU DIED TO SAVE ME!! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!!

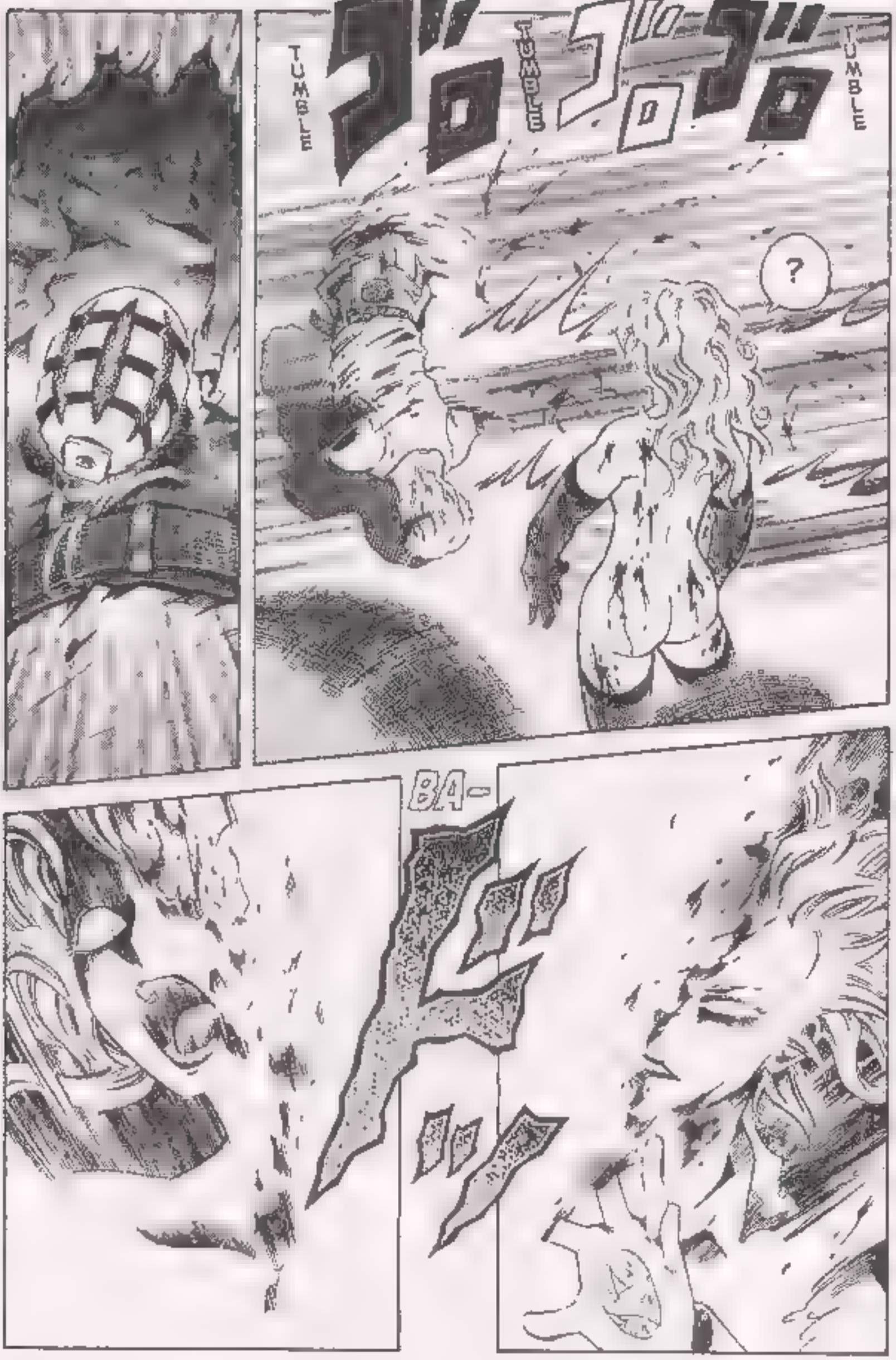
YOU'RE SUCH A MAN!! THAT WAS SO MANLY OF YOU!! I'VE TOTALLY GOT A NEW RESPECT FOR MEN!!

AND NOT ONLY THAT, BUT--

LO-DD PLIK

KER-BOOT

--YOU EVEN WENT BACK IN THERE TO FIGHT FOR ME!!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BOOOOOOOM

ALL RIGHT NOW.

ALL THAT'S LEFT IS RIRUKA AND THE OTHERS

SO I'M NOT GONNA UNDERESTIMATE THEM.

EVEN IF THEY'RE JUST BRATS, THEY'RE CAPABLE OF PUTTING UP A GOOD FIGHT.

MY "ENDGAME" PLAN, SAVED FOR JUST SUCH A SPECIAL OCCASION.

AND IT'LL TAKE ALL OF THEM OUT!!

--I ALWAYS HAVE MY LAST DITCH PLAN-- AS MUCH AS I DON'T WANNA USE IT!!

SO IF IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'RE GONNA BRING ME DOWN--

CHRIST, SHUTTUP CHIKURO!!

I'M TRYIN' TO CONCEN-TRATE!!

COME ON!! WE GOTTA HURRY!!

WELL? WHATTA YA THINK? CAN YOU MAKE IT GO?!

I MEAN, I'M GLAD THAT THE SOLDIERS "LEFT" THIS CAR HERE, BUT

IT'S WORTHLESS IF WE CAN'T GET THIS GOING BEFORE YUKINA GETS HERE!!

I'VE NEVER REALLY STOLEN A CAR, SO I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN START THIS WITHOUT A KEY

TAKE THIS, IN CASE YOU NEED TO DEFEND YOURSELF IT WAS JUST SITTING ON THE DASH.

THERE'S ONLY ONE SHOT LEFT-- BUT JUST IN CASE, HERE.

HEY, CHIKURO..

WELL, JUST DON'T MISS THEN, OKAY?!

WHAT IF I MISS..?

GEEE, IT'S HEAVY..

ONLY ONE SHOT?!

RIZUKA!!

IF IT'S YOUR LACK OF FIREPOWER, THEN I GOT YOU COVERED.

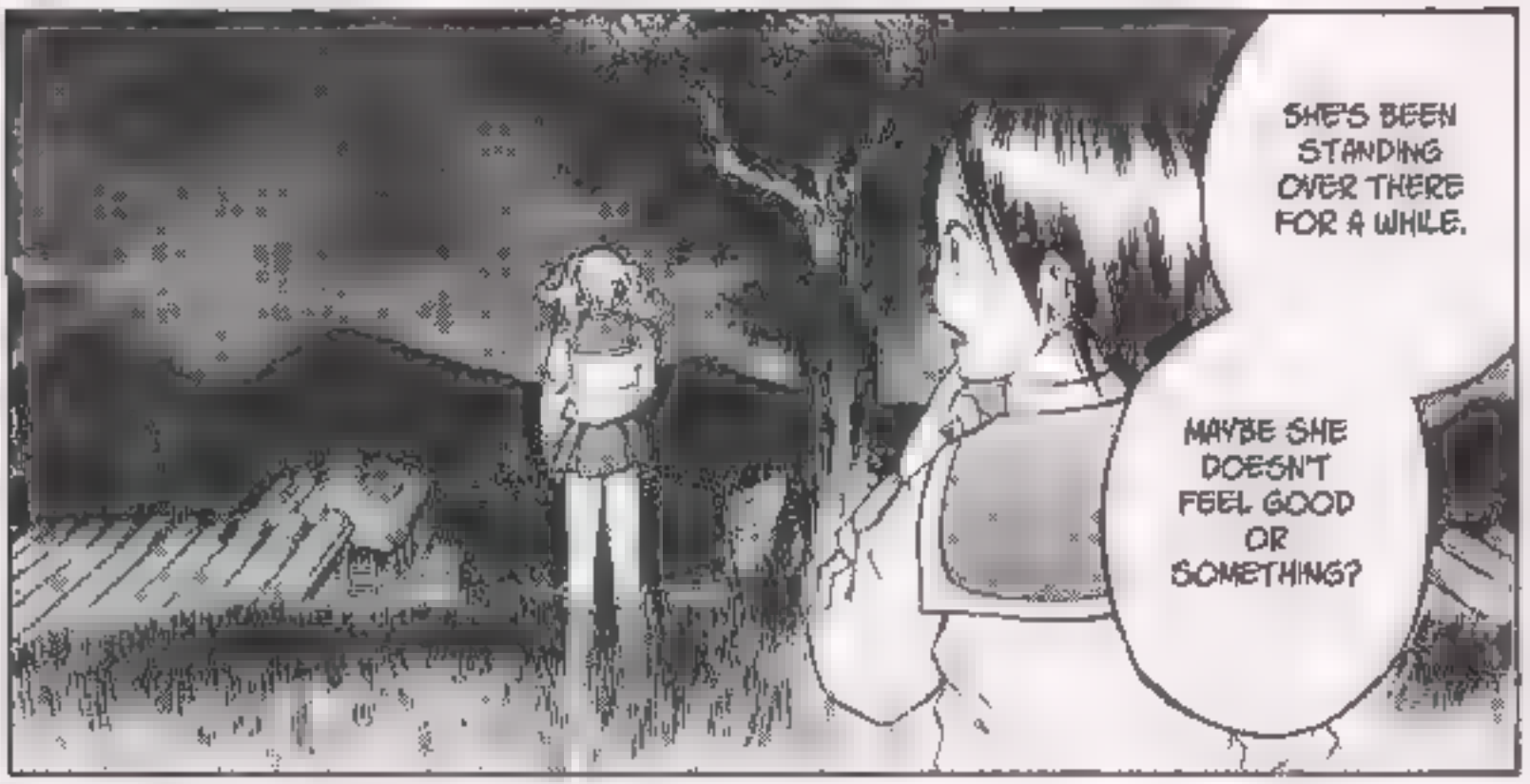
YOU HAVE NO REASON TO WORRY SO MUCH.

OH, AND--

HAVE YOU SEEN REIKO AROUND ANYWHERE?

I GATHERED THE CLOTHES AND WHATNOT OFF OF THE SOLDIERS--

--THAT S.C. KILLED.



EIGHT-ON-ONE!!

INCLUDING RAFAEL AND THE OTHERS, THIS FIGHT WAS EIGHT-ON-ONE!! BUT YUKINA IS TAKIN' EVERYTHING ANYONE THROWS AT HER!!

THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING BEHIND HER CONFIDENCE-- IT'S UNSHAKABLE!!

RUMRUMRUM

REIKO!! RIRUKA!!

IF SHE DIDN'T, SHE WOULDN'T KEEP TRYING TO TAKE US ON..

I WONDER IF SHE'S GOT SOME LAST-DITCH END-ALL WEAPON?

?!

HUH?

YOU THREE-- LEAVE!!

LET'S GET OUT OF HERE AND INTO THE CITY BEFORE SHE KNOWS WE'RE GONE!!

GET IN AND LET'S GO!! YUKINA MIGHT ALREADY HEAR THE ENGINE RUNNING!!

RUMRUMR

SO YOU'LL HAVE LOTS OF TIME TO GET FAR AWAY.

SO IF I STAY HERE, YUKINA WILL BE BUSY WITH ME AND THE REST OF YOU CAN GET OUT

YUKINA WILL JUST GET A CAR, TOO, AND FOLLOW US WHEREVER WE GO.

I'VE LOST MY "STAR" AND THE "SHELL OF FATE" AND ALL I HAVE LEFT IS MY PRIDE!!

.. THEN EVEN MY PRIDE WILL BE GONE!!

AND CHIKURO-- SHE SAVED ME!! IF SHE DIES.

RIRUKA-- SISTER-- YOU'LL GET KILLED!!

ALL FOUR OF US-- TOGETHER.

IT'S NO BIG DEAL LET'S ALL JUST GET OUT OF HERE!!

I'M TAKIN' YOU ALL TO HELL-LLL!!

!!

SHIT SHE'S FAST!!

IT'S YUKINA!!

YURIKAWA!!

WHOOSH

KA-SHING

WHOA!!

AH!!

YOU THERE -- NONE OF THAT, OKAY?!

I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU!!

FWSH

KER-BLOOM

NO...

SHIT! OUTTA AMMO.

NO WORRIES THEN--

SKIMNGGG

I PREFER THIS ANYWAY

--YOU JUST GOTTA MAKE SURE YOU BLOW THEM TO PIECES!!

WHEN YOU'RE FACIN' A ZOMBIE--

SO THERE'S NOTHING LEFT TO GET BACK UP!!

BRRRAT

BRRRRRAT

BRRRRRAT

BRRRRRAT

BRRRRRAT

AGH--

ALL RIGHT, RIRUKA. IT'S YOUR TURN TO DIE

YOU'RE PROBABLY ACTUALLY WANTING TO, HUH?!

!!

CAN YOU REALLY LIVE THE REST OF YOUR LIFE IN TOTAL EMBARRASS-MENT?

YOUR FRIENDS SAW ALL THAT AND I GUARANTEEE THAT THEY THINK YOU'RE LAME AS SHIT.

TRYING TO LOOK ALL TOUGH, HOLDING THE SUB-MACHINEGUN IN ONE HAND. LOOK AT YOU NOW!!

CHIKURO-- SHOOT HER!!

I KNOW, YOU'VE NEVER FIRED A GUN BEFORE, BUT THERE'S NO TIME TO SIT AROUND THINKING ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT YOU'LL HIT HER!!

YOU GOTTA TAKE A CHANCE!!

IKASA!

!

HUH?

YOU SHOULDN'T THINK SOMETHING LIKE, "TAKE A CHANCE."

GOHJIN--

WHEN IT COMES TO HOW YOU SHOULD APPROACH SOMETHING LIKE SAVING A FRIEND...

CHIKURO--
WHATTA YA
DOIN'?

I AM
GOING
TO SAVE
HER!!

?!

CHIKURO!!

I KNOW
THAT I
WON'T BE
ABLE TO
EVEN HIT
YUKINA!!

SO--
SO--

THERE'S
ONLY ONE
THING FOR
ME TO
DO!!

BUT I CAN
STILL SAVE
RIRUKA!!

BUT MAKE IT COUNT-- THERE'S ONLY ONE SHOT LEFT!!

RIRUKA-CATCH!!

FLING

CLATCH

AND THE GAME IS ON!!

ALL I NEED IS ONE SHOT..

WHOOP-SY.

A-KAHAHAHAHAHA

KAHAHAHAHA♥

NOOOOOOOOOOO!!

YOU MORON!!

I TOSSED TO YUKINA!!

I THINK-- I THINK I'M GONNA PASS OUT !!

GODAMMIT, YOU SHIT-HEAD.

CHI-KURO!! YOU IDIOT!!

UH...

YOU'VE GOT SOME NICE FRIENDS, RUKA!!

NOW DIE!!

KER-BLAM

KUH?!

WHAT THE --

WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED?!

KER-THUD

IT WAS A MISFIRE.

I POPPED A DELICIOUS MILK CANDY INTO THE BARREL OF THE GUN.

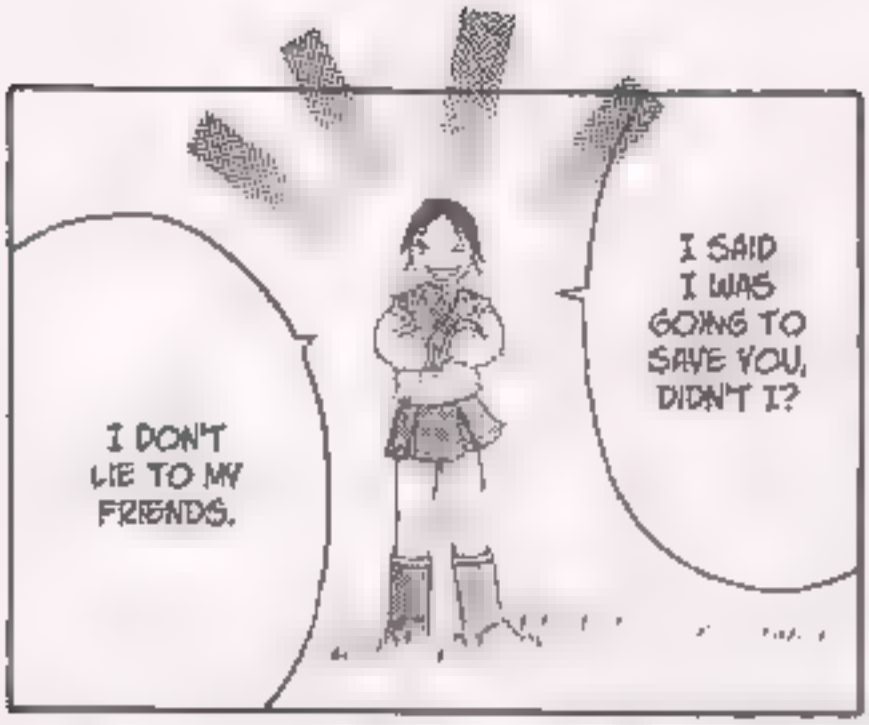
WHAT THE HELL JUST HAPPENED?!

BINGO!! THAT'S THE STORY!!

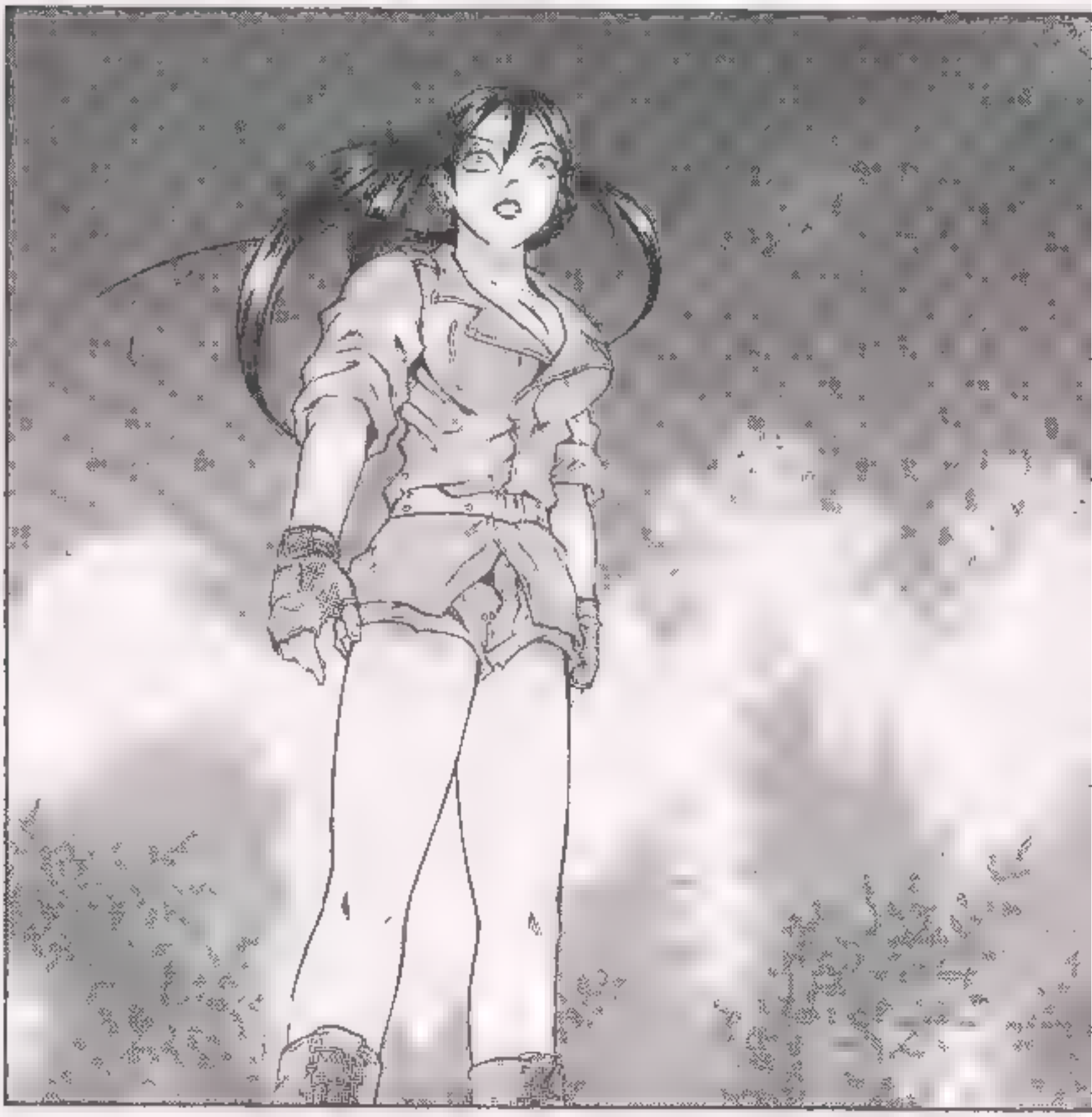
I FIGURE I STOOD A BETTER CHANCE OF GETTING THE GUN TO HER THAN ACTUALLY SHOOTING HER!!

YEP!!

SO WAIT-- YOU THREW IT TO YUKINA ON PURPOSE.


I DON'T LIE TO MY FRIENDS.
I SAID I WAS GOING TO SAVE YOU, DIDN'T I?

YOU SAVED ME-- AGAIN.



DID YOU JUST SAY "FRIEND"?

YOU AND I ?

WELL, I CONSIDER YOU MY FRIEND.

I HAVE NEVER HAD ANYONE EVER--

--CALL ME THEIR FRIEND.

THIS IS PROBABLY THE FIRST TIME YOU'VE EVER MET SOMEONE LIKE THIS, RIGHT?

RIRUKA...

YOU'VE CHANGED A LITTLE SINCE MEETING CHIKURO.

THE ONLY PEOPLE YOU'VE HAD AROUND YOU ARE THOSE YOU COULD USE. THAT WOULD EVENTUALLY END UP USING YOU FOR YOUR OWN GOOD.

ONLY

USING

FOR

GOOD

WHAT, THIS? UM...

SOHJIN-KUN

WHY DOES THAT REARVIEW MIRROR LOOK SO... SO "SECOND-HAND"?

"MISSING" .?

WHEN WE FOUND THE CAR, THE DRIVER'S MIRROR WAS MISSING A MIRROR, SO--

IT'S ATTACHED USING TAPE AND BRANCHES

CHIKURO USED HER COMPACT'S MIRROR AND MADE IT

CHRIST, REIKO, WHO KNOWS OR CARES?

IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S MY CAR ANYWAY

MAYBE SOMEONE GOT RID OF IT ?

DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S EVEN A LITTLE STRANGE? THERE'S ALWAYS AT LEAST ONE MIRROR ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE.

ZUUUUH

ZUUUUH

LIKE IT'S ANY OF YOUR BUSINESS!!

WHAT? YOU DON'T GO TO SCHOOL?

SO, YOU'RE JUST A PUU?*

*SAME AS NEAT IN AMERICAN OR BRITISH ENGLISH

LOOKY HERE, RIRUKA!!

YUKINA!!

SHE'S-- STILL ALIVE?!

!!

I FOUND IT IN THE BARN WHEN I WAS BURNING SHIROKO'S BODY!!

IT'S SHIROKO'S GUN!!

THE ONE WHO BETRAYED ME!! THE ONE WHO TURNED THE SHELLS OF FATE AGAINST ME!!

SO... THAT MEANS THAT GUN IS LOADED WITH...!!

SHIROKO?!

THERE'S NO WAY!!

AND BECAUSE OF THE SHELLS OF FATE.

AND THE ONLY WAY TO PREVENT IT IS-- A MIRROR!!

WHICH I TOOK FROM THAT JEEP!!

ONCE I FIRE THIS, THERE WILL BE A BEAST THAT SPRINGS FORTH--

THAT WILL RUN UNLEASHED, CARVING OUT THE REVENGE OF THE FIRST THAT IT SEES!!

BLAM

I WILL BECOME A MONSTER THE LIKES OF WHICH YOU HAVE NEVER SEEN!

ALL ALONG, THIS --

--WAS YUKINA'S FINAL WEAPON!!

the ZOMBIE SHOP GALLERY

ON DISPLAY, RAPID-FIRE STYLE!!!

NOW EVEN BETTER THAN EVER!! WE HAVE RECEIVED SO MANY ILLOS!! AND BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT, I'LL CONTINUE MY FIGHT!! STRAIGHT FROM THE PAGES OF *GEKKAN HORROR "M"*!! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!! PLEASE SEND IN YOUR COMMENTS, OPINIONS, OR ILLOS TO REIKO THE ZOMBIE SHOP OR REI MIKAMOTO CARE OF:

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NIIGATA PREFECTURE
THE TWO OF THEM ARE REALLY FEELING YUKINA'S PRESENCE!! A COMMON ENEMY THAT BRINGS THE TWO SISTERS TOGETHER!!

HARUKA MURAKAMI • AGE 11
FUKUSHIMA PREFECTURE
YOU DID A GREAT JOB ON THEIR FACIAL EXPRESSIONS!!

KOTOKA KUDOH • AGE ?
IWATE PREFECTURE
REIKO IS LOOKING SO SMART HERE!!

HIROKO HAYASHI • AGE ?
KAGOSHIMA PREFECTURE
THE PICTURE OF THE BIG SISTER HOLDING HER LITTLE SISTER'S HEAD IS PRETTY SHOCKING AND POWERFUL!

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NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, RIRUKA IS PRETTY SEXY ♡ (MARK)

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CHIKURO AND RIRUKA CERTAINLY HAVE A "SPECIAL" RELATIONSHIP, DON'T THEY!!

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